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Priuate Praiers, for Houlhoulders to medi= tate vppon, and to say in their Fa= milies.

Mark. 11. 24.

¶ *VVhatsoeuer ye desire vvhen ye praie: beleeue that ye shall haue it, and it shall be done vnto you.*

Rom. 10. 13.

¶ *VVhosoeuer shall call vpon the name of the Lorde, shall be saued.*

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I will call vnto God, and the Lorde will ſaue me. Euening and morning and at noone, will I praye and make a noyſe, and he will heare my voyce.

¶ Godly priuate Prayers *for Houſholders, to be* ſayde in their Fa-mylies.

A prayer contayning the effect of the Houſhoulders Cate-chiſme.

ALmighty GOD, and moſt mercifull Father, I ſee in thy bleſſed Lawes and cõmaundements, the greatnes of my ſinnes and wickednesſe: Yea, I ſée (O Lorde my God) the whole courſe of my life to be almoſt nothing els, but a continuall breaking of thy holy lawes and commaundementes. The thoughts of my heart (eyther in vanitie, or els open wickednesſe) are in number infinite, dayly in the aboundaunce of them, cauſing my mouth to ſpeake, and my body to execute and do contrarie to thy holie will. And againe, (O Lord) I ſée thy heauy wrath, vengeaunce, and iudgement againſt ſinne to be intollerable, that euen the leaſt wicked

thought & moste secrete cogitation of my heart, procureth thy heauy wrath, and euerlasting curse, the tormentes of hell, and euerlasting fire, euen although I had but once in all my lyfe broke one of thy commaundementes, so much as once in thought. And I know (O Lord God) that thou art true & iust, and canst not abyde sinne and wickednesse, but wylt iustlie punish euerie sinne, euen with the selfe same tormentes of hell, which thy iustice hath appoynted, euen for euerie sinne. This O Lorde my God, throweth mée downe, and euen amazeth mée, so that I knowe not what to do. I loke into my self, viewing mine own power, whether I am able to ouercome this punishment of my sinne or no: and I sée that all euen the most exquisite punishment which I can deuise to my selfe, in whipping of my body as long as I lyue, wearing heayre cloth, pining my selfe with fasting, or any other payne, I sée, I sée (O Lord) that all this punishment is not sufficient for one of my least sinnes, because it deserueth euen the euerlasting paynes of hell. I loke to heauen, I sée there is no Saint nor Angell able to abide & ouercome this

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punishment of sinne: I loke to men in this worlde, euen to the Popes treasure that wicked man of sinne, and I see that neyther his masse nor purgatory, pilgrimage, pardons, penãce, satisfactions, nor any of such lyke wicked stuffe: alas, I see they are nothing for ỹ satisfying for one of my least wicked thoughts: seeing the punishment is due by the iust decrée and sentence, thy euerlasting curse. Wherefore I am driuen out from my selfe, and al that I can do, to seeke this punishment discharged other where, or else to quail vnder the burthen. I see there is no helpe for me in Angelles, Saints, nor mortall man, but only in that perfect man Christ Iesus thy deare sonne, in whom I see the ful punishment of my sinne wholy payd, satisfied, discharged, and ouercome, death vanquished, the paynes of hell in victory swallowed vp, the curse satisfied, and the eternitie of the punishment (through his euerlasting power) ouer reached. This I see (O Lord) by the eyes of fayth, being through thy holy spirite, wholy assured, that all the whole punishment of sinne, payde by my Sauiour Christ is not only paide for other men: but euen also for me

and my ſinne. This aſſurance of my fayth being thine onely worke in mée, I beſéeche thée in mercie to ſtrengthen and increaſe, for I féele it often full of wauering and doubting. Graunt that I may daylie more and more in my ſoule & conſcience, féele my ſelfe knitte and grafted into the body of thy ſõne, wherby I may be aſſured that whatſoeuer he hath done, pertayneth to mée, and is fully and wholy mine: that I may through the power of his death, féele dayly ſinne dye in mée, and through the power of his reſurrection féele my ſelfe riſen from ſinne, to haue my full ioy and comfort in thoſe thinges which be agréeable to thy holy wyll, vtterly deteſting, hating, and abhorring from my heart all thinges, which be contrarie to thy will and pleaſure, that euen in this lyfe I may ſtyll looke for this endleſſe ioy and felicitie, vſing the things of this worlde: as though I vſed them not, tyll that good time that it ſhall pleaſe thée to call me to thine euerlaſting kingdome of glorie, there to reygne with my Lord and Sauiour Ieſus Chriſte for euer and euer. Amen.

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¶ A Prayer vpon the Lordes Prayer.

O Moſt mightie Lorde and eternall God, who haſt by thy deare Sonne Chriſte Jeſu our Lord and ſauiour, reconciled vnto thy ſelfe althings in heauen and earth, and in him haſt made an euerlaſting bonde and couenant with vs thy faithfull children, ý thou wilt not only be our God, but alſo our moſt louing and merciful Father, wherof as a pledge thou haſt giuen vs thy holy Spirit of adoption, wherby we may with boldneſſe and full truſt and confidence come to thée by harty prayer, as vnto our moſt louing and merciful father, being aſſured ý thou wylt not deny vs any thing which thou knoweſt ſhalbe expedient for vs: graunt we beſéech thée (deare father) that we being fully perſwaded in our hearts of this thy fatherly loue & affection toward vs, may be ſtirred vp to make our peticions with ſuch an affectiõ, ardent deſire, loue & reuerence to thy maieſty, ý our minds be not caryed away with by thoughtes créeping in: but without al wãdring may be fully bent and attentiue to ý thing we

Our Father which art in heauen.

aske, and fullie stayde vpon thy mercifull and iust protection.

Halowed be thy name.

Wee then beseech thée (dére Father) that thou wilt strengthen our harts with thy holy Spirit, that consydering thou hast made althings for the glory of thy name: so we may in all our doings, enterprises, counsels and purposes, chiefly aboue all things séeke thy glory: that we may fully acknowledge thée (not only ỹ Authour of all things,) but the ruler, guider & gouernor of all things, both in heauen & earth, that we neuer diminishe thy incomprehensible Glorie, by attributing vnto our selues any power, strength or abilitie to do, will, or thinke that which is good: but from our hearts we may acknowledge al our goodnesse to come from thée, yéelding for the same continually praise & thanksgiuing to thy glorious Name. That we neuer by distrusting thy mercifull prouidence dishonor thy Name: but that euen in our greatest distresse we may put our ful confidence in thée, not loking vpõ our weaknesse, but staying vpon thy power & promises, by harty prayer flééing vnto thée our only refuge, that our whole lyfe may be so framed according to thy holie

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will in all points, that thy glorious name in vs may be sanctified, and that we be not an occasion that thy holy Name be blasphemed through our wicked lyfe and conuersation.

Let thy kingdome come (most mercifull Father) appeare, and manifestly be declared in all the worlde, but especiallie amongst thy Church, and faithfull flock, declare thy selfe Lord & king ouer them, ruling them by the Scepter of thy holie worde, & force of thy holy spirit. Encrease the nũber of faithfull Pastors and Preachers amongst the people: blesse their labors to ỹ increase of this kingdom of thy deere son Jesus Christ, and to ỹ destruction of the kingdom of sathan & antichrist. Suppresse the rage of the enemies; that they may knowe that thou (O Lord) doost reygne in all ages, to the behoofe of thy Church, and terrour of thine enemies. *Thy kingdom come.*

Graunt these mercies good Lord, not only to the whole Church in general, but especially to euery one of vs thy children particularly: graunt that we may effectually feele the force of this thy kingdom in our hearts. Beate downe in vs our old corrupt Adam, with al sinful delights

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thoughts, motions and desires: and renew in vs day by day, our spirituall and inward man, that we may be wholy bent to delyght, thinke, desyre, and do those thinges which be acceptable in thy sight.

Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heauen.

Frame our hearts (good Lorde) with such humble obedience to thy holy Will, that we may be hartely wel cõtent with whatsoeuer it pleaseth thy goodnes to lay vpon vs: that we neuer cease in our mysteries, but continually call vpon thée by hartie prayers, although we féele no release at all, yet ý still patiently we may abide, and quietly wayte for thy good leasure and appointed tyme of deliuerance, when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient for vs.

Giue vs this day our daylie bread.

Graunt vs (deare Father, that all our counsels, studyes, labors, & endeuors, being by thy holy spirit guided & framed we may euery one in that vocation in which thou hast placed him, so faithfully trauell to the discharging of our consciences, and edifying of thy Church, that our account may be foũd acceptable before thy throne & iudgement seate. So blesse our labours and trauels, that we may haue sufficient for the preseruing of this present life, and

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be content with those benefytes which thou shalt bestow vpon vs, whether they be many or few, acknowledging them to be receyued of thée : not grédily to care for them, or vainly to delight in thē, but thankfully estéeme of them, as thy benefites bestowed vpon vs, and as faithfull Stewards moderatly to vse them, to the reléefe of our brethren, and the discharge of our consciences.

Increase in vs (good Lord) the gyft of faith, that we may dayly more and more in our soules and consciences be assured, that our sinnes be defaced, cleane blotted out, and couered with the ful, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice of thy déere son Christ Iesu our Lorde and Sauiour once made for vs: that we are vnited, knit and made one body with him, partakers of his righteousnesse, iustification, and holynesse, & euen fellow heires with him of euerlasting lyfe, that we may vnfaynedly from the bottom of our harts loue thée for this thine vnspeakable goodnesse and mercie: forgiuing from our hearts our Brethren which do offend vs, pray for them, loue, cherysh, and cōfort them as fellow members all of one body, with perfect natural

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Leade vs not into temptation.

Strengthen vs (good Lord) with thy holy spirit, that we be not ouercome with ỹ subtill suggestions and sinfull motions of Sathan the Diuell: holde vs vp with thy mercifull hand, that we slẽp not in sinne, that we be not drawne away with the wicked world, nor the enticemẽts of the flesh, to delight in wickednes: but so arme vs with thy mighty power, that we may stronglye abide all the assaults and subtill sleyghts of our ghostly enimie, & sincerely to walke before thy face, bothe in prosperitie and aduersitie, to thy honour and glory, the health of our soules, and profit of thy Church, through Iesus Christ our only Lord and Sauiour. Amen.

The Lordes Prayer more at large.

Our Father which art in heauen.

O Moste mightie and eternall God, who of thine infinite loue to mankinde, hast giuen vs thine owne eternall Sonne Christ Iesu our Lord, to be made man for vs, in the lymilitude of synfull flesh, to become flesh of our flesh, bone

bone of our bones, in all things like vnto vs, sinne onelie excepted: who being thy true & natural sonne, hath made vs with him, sonnes, chyldren, and heyres to thée our most mercifull Father, giuing vnto vs by grace, that which is his by nature. And by his due, alone, once offered, sufficient sacrifice, hath paide the raunsome of our sinnes before thy diuine Maiestie, to satisfie thy iustice vpon sinfull flesh.

Which debt being payde for vs, hée hath brought vs in fauour with thée, so that we may nowe with boldenesse and trust come to thée, as vnto our most merciful & louing Father, with full assuraunce, that as thy loue is so much greater and more excellét toward vs, then al loue of earthlie Parents towardes their chyldren, as thou passest all men in goodnes and mercie, so thou wylt deny vs nothing which shall be expedient for vs. So that although all ỹ fathers which are in earth, hauing shaken off all féeling of fatherlie naturalnesse, would forsake theyr chyldrẽ, yet thou wouldest neuer forsake vs, because thou canst not denie thy selfe: who promisest, ỹ if earthlie Fathers being euill, can giue good gifts to their chil-

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dzen, how much mozs wilt thou our heauenly Father, being altogether goodnesse it selfe, giue good things to them that aske in thy sonnes name? And that although a Mother should forsake her childzen, yet wylt not thou forsake vs thy Chyldzen, whom thou hast befoze the beginning of the wozld in thy deare sõne Jesu Chzist, chosen to be thy childzen and heires with him of thine immoztal kingdom. Wherof (that we in our selues might be sure & certaine, and out of all doubt that we are the chyldzen & heyzes of euerlasting life) thou hast giuen into our hearts thy holie Spirit, as a true pledge and earnest of our inheritance, which spirit doth assure our spirits, that we are thy childzen, and therfoze cryeth in our hearts, Abba Father.

Halowed be thy name.

Wee therefoze as thy deare chyldzen, raunsomed and bought by thy deare Sonne, flée to thée our most louing and mercifull Father, who in goodnesse art infynite, in mercie aboundaunt, in substaunce incomprehensible, in immoztality euerlasting: who by thy mightie power and syngular pzouidence, rulest all things, accozding to thy heauenly wisdome

wisedome: beséeching thée for thy deare sonne Christ Jesus his sake, that as thou hast sufficiently set foorthe thy glorious name, in making the whole world, heauen, earth, and all things therein contained: so we may in beholding & viewing thy creatures the works of thine hands, bée lyfted vp to thée our Lorde God, the creatour and Maker, and in them, glorifie thy holie Name, acknowledging in them thy synguler goodnesse and loue towards man, for whose vse thou hast created all things, both in heauen and earth: and that we may for the same, euen from the bottome of our hearts, yéelde due honour, prayse and thankes giuing to thée (deare Father) all the dayes of our lyfe. Graunt most mercifull Father, that we may in heart and minde be fully assured, that thou by thy Heauenlie prouidence, rulest and guidest all things in heauen & earth, so that nothing in the whole world commeth to passe, but according to thine appointment: that thou guidest & framest the affayres & doings of men, that ÿ hast euē their hearts & al their powers in thy merciful hād, to turne thē which way soeuer it séemeth best to thy godly wisdom,

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ſo that whether we be in proſperity or aduerſity, we may acknowledge bothe of them to be thy worke in vs, and therfore be no leſſe thankful for ſickneſſe then for health: for ſorrow, then for comfort: for a troubled minde, then for a quiet: for impriſonment and baniſhment, then for lybertie: eſpeciallie, ſéeing we know that thou turneſt them all (ſéeme they neuer ſo sharpe) to the romfort & commoditie of thy chyldren which feare thée, and that in all thinges which ſhall befall vnto vs, whether they be greuous or ioyous, proſperity or aduerſity, lyfe or death: thy holy Name may be ſãctified in vs, by yéelding due and continuall prayſe and thankſgiuing to thy eternall Maieſty, that we neuer ceaſe to put our full truſt & cõfidence in thy mercie, who haſt promiſed to be our defender, buckler, & ſhield, to kéepe vs as the apple of thine eye, to delyuer vs when we call vpon thée, to open when we knock, to giue when we aſk, that we knowing our owne weakeneſſe, that of our ſelues we haue no power or ſtrength to dw, no not ſo much as to will ỹ which is good: we may acknowledge all our ſtrength, comfort, ioy, fayth, loue, hope,

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against thy deere and faithfull flock. Confound their deuises, suppresse their pride, and so strengthē all thy true and faithfull seruauntes against their rage: that they may haue true wisdom to confound their enemies, and stedfast cōstancie to confesse the trueth of thy glorious gospell, euen to the death. And that euerie one of vs may feele the force of this thy kingdome particularly in our selues: we beseech thee kyll in vs, by thy holy spirit, all wicked delights of sinne, & vanities of this worlde. Mortifie in vs our earthly & carnall affections, & graunt that we may haue our full delight and pleasure in thee our heauenlie Father, and in thy sonne Christ Iesu our Lord and sauiour, and reuerētly embrace thy holy Worde, that our soules may be conuinced therein, and our faith thereby confirmed. Lyghten our vnderstanding, that we may in thy holy Worde learne, and in heart be fully assured that thou art our most mercifull Father, and thy deere sonne, our Lorde and Sauiour. Beate downe in vs all sinfull motions of the aduersary, which do rebell against thy holy spyrit, and settle and frame our mindes by thy holy spyrit in vs, that all rebellion

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in our flesh beeing kylled, we may quietly with stayed minoes and consciences, set our full ioye, comfort, and consolation in heauenlie thinges, walking before thee in sinceritie of minde, put our full trust and cōfidence in thee, rest and quiet our selues wholly in thy mightie protection and prouidence.

And for asmuch (O Lorde God) as of our selues wee be nothing but stubbernnesse and rebellion: we beseeche thee (deere Father) that as thine Angels in heauen do wyllinglie obey thy Myll, without resistaunce: so we thy children in earth, (all stubbernesse and peruersenesse, by thy holy Spirit, in vs beeing vtterly extinguished and quenched) we may willingly submyt our selues, resigne and yeelde our whole affections to thee O Lorde, to be gouerned after thy blessed and heauenlie Will. That we may feele in our selues no other motion of desyre, then a muete consent to thy holy Will, that whandeuer affections in vs fight against thy holy Will, thou wilt vtterly make them voide. That we neuer will any thing of our selues, but that thy holie Spirit in vs may gouerne our hearts, by whome inwardly

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being taught, we may learne to loue, embrace, and take comfort in those thinges that please thée, and to hate those thinges ỹ displease thée. That our hearts, minds, and wylles, béeing wholly subdued to thy most blessed Wyll, we may wyllingly be content with that estate of lyfe, which it pleaseth thy goodnes to exercise vs withal in this worlde, whether it be in aduersity, or prosperitie, in sickneſſe or health, in ignominy or glory, in quietneſſe or trouble, in sorrow or gladnes. Graũt vs (déere father) this wylling & patient minde, that euen in our greatest distresse we may be content with thy good wyll, & not to murmur or grudge againſt thy Maiesty, knowing that thou wilt lay nothing vpon vs but that which shall turne to our goodnes or profit. And that we may patiẽtly abide whatsoeuer it shall please thée to lay vpon vs, that wée be assured in our hearts, that thou wilt not lay more vnto vs, then thou wylt giue vs strength to beare, and euen in our greatest afflictiõs, wilt finde a way for our delyueraunce, and that thy power & strength is more fully declared, when we féele our selues vtterly voyde of all strength, & sée no way of deliueraunce:

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that wée may in our most grèeuous assaults, conflicts, and anguish of mind, submit our selues wholy to thy blessed wyl, & looke for our deliuerãce at thy hand, when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient for vs, and most for thy glorie, leauing the tyme & meane of delyueraunce to thy good Will and pleasure, and that in the meane tyme, we neuer cease but call vpõ thée, by hartye prayers continually as thou hast cõmaunded, vntyl such time as thou shalt heare our peticions. And although after many and sũdry callings vpon thée, thou séeme not to regarde vs, but rather deale more extrémely with vs: yet notwithstanding, strengthen vs so with perseuerance in prayer, that we faint not, but stil continue in prayer, being assured that although we fæle our selues nothing released, yet we may quiet our selues herein, that we as thy childrẽ haue layd our complayntes, grèefes and sorrowes in the bosome of thée our heauenly Father, who wylt as a louing Father (whẽ he séeth it most conuenient) helpe vs. And that although thou séeme nothing to graunt our requests, yet we honor thée in calling vpon thy name: séeing thou dost accept it

as a moſt chæfe honour, to be called vpon in the day of trouble.

Giue vs this day our daylie bread.

And for aſmuch (deare Father) as thou doſt by thy mighty power, nouriſh, fede, ſuſtayne, preſerue, and maintayne all lyuing creatures, yea, euen the very yung fowles and beaſts: we beſeech thee to ſend vnto vs thy chyldren, (ouer whome thou haſt a moſt ſpeciall care) all thinges neceſſary for this our preſent lyfe: that we hauing ſufficient, may walke euery one in our calling, in ſincerity and pure holyneſſe before thy face, acknowledging all our benefites of ryches, wealth, health, meate, drinke, apparell, and all other ſubſtance, to be thy mere gifts, beſtowed vpon vs, and delyuered vnto vs from thy handes: that we be not drawne from thee through ſetting our myndes to much vpon them, but ſo moderately vſe them, as thy benefites for a tyme beſtowed vppon vs, knowing that thou wylt at our handes requyre an accoumpt howe we haue vſed them. That we do not carefully gape or ſeeke after them, but diſcretely to thy glorie vſe them, acknowledging in them thy goodnes and lyberallity towards vs. And ſeeing (moſt mercifull Father) that it is

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not our trauell, labor, paine, studie, or endeuor which is able to get vs our lyuing, but only insomuch as it pleaseth thy goodnes to bleſſe and prosper them: we beſeech thée that if through our great trauailes & paynes, we be yet styl in poore and meane estate, that thou wylt giue vs a contented hart; knowing that therby thou letteſt vs vnderstand, that it is thy good will & pleasure so to keepe vs vnder, that we more effectuallie may giue our selues to serue thée. Or if it be thy will & pleasure more abundantly to bleſſe vs and our trauaile, to send vs abundance of all things, we beſeech thée (deare Father) giue vs a thankfull heart to acknowledge them to be thy good gifts, & frame our harts with such liberalytie, ý we may be contented to distribute them according to the neceſſity of thy childrē, beeing assured ý thou haſt to that end made vs Stewards ouer them, that thou maiſt at his hāds require much, on whom thou haſt beſtowed much, so ý we hauing the due estimation of thy benefites which we ought to haue: may both reuerēce thy goodneſſe in thy benefites, and supplie the want of our brethren, to the releſe of their neceſſity, and furtheraunce of thy glory.

Forgiue vs our tresſ passes, as we forgiue them that treſpaſſe againſt vs.

And whereas (moſt mercifull Father) thy ſonne, our Lord and Sauiour Chriſte Jeſus, hath in our naturs paide the raunſome and debt of all our ſinnes, which we haue from the beginning of our lyfe committed, & do daily commit: we beſeech thy gratious goodneſſe, that thou wylt by thy holy ſpirit in our harts, aſſure our ſoules, & conſciences with a lyuely fayth, that by that ſame one alone ſufficiēt ſacrifile, the punifhment of our ſinnes is payde, thy wrath appeaſed, and thy iuſtice ſatiſfied, whereby our conſciences may be quieted, & ſet at peace with thée our mercifull Father and God. Let vs (deare Father) feele in our ſoules and cōſciences, that we are vnited and knyt to thy deare ſonne Jeſus Chriſt, and made one body with him, and heyres with him of euerlaſting glorie, ſo coupled and ioyned with him, that we are members of his body, ſo that whatſoeuer he hath doue in his body, we may be aſſured that it is ours, that his righteouſneſſe is our ryghteouſneſſe, his ſanctification & holines is ours, the curſe, condempnation and death which he ſuffered, is the ſame curſe, condempnation, & death due for our ſinnes, that we knowing that our ſinnes

be done away, and cleane forgotten & forgiuen by thy mercifull loue, and godnesse declared in offering vp thy sonne to death for vs, we may be driuen to loue thée vnfeynedly from the bottome of our hearts, for this thine vnspeakable loue. And considering that thou hast in mercy pardoned so many our haynous offences, we may gladlie be moued to forgiue one another their offẽces, & put out of our hart all rancor, malice, & hatred toward our brethrẽ, knowing that we are all members of one body Christ our sauiour: that so surely as wée haue forgiuen all them that offend against vs, we may be so certainly assured that our mercifull Father, hath forgiuen vs, lyke as we haue forgiuen our Brethren.

Leade vs not into temptation, but delyuer vs from euill.

And for asmuch (most heauenly Father) as wée of our selues be feeble, frayle, and weake, and haue a strong and subtill aduersary satan the diuell, who goeth about continually lyke a roaring lyon, seeking whome he may deuoure: we beseeche thée strengthen vs by thy holy spirit, that we may withstande his subtill suggestions & motions. Holde thou vs by thy mercifull hand, & kéepe vs alwayes in thy safegard

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and protection, that we be not ouercome in the mighty assaultes of our aduersary. And forasmuch as he often vseth euen our owne flesh armed against vs, to conquer vs (we beseeche thee deere Father) mortifie, subdue and kill in our flesh all subtyll suggestions, and sinfull motions of sathã, that wee yeelde not our selues as slaues thereunto, but continually fyght against them, & bring them into subiection of the spirit. Graunt vnto vs (deare Father) that we be not drawne through the subtility and slely torments of sathan, to haue our delyght and pleasure in the vanities of this present worlde: but by thy Grace, might & power, may so in the prosperitie of this lyfe be vpholden, that our mindes with full ioye and comfort may be lyfted vp to our perfect consolation in our Lord and Sauiour Christ, and in him, take our full and perfect ioy and cõsolation, so that no vaine delyght of this world put vs frõ the same, neither any sharpe aduersity, as pouerty, misery, or calamity, through the mallice of the diuell, driue vs to dispayre of thy mercifull goodnesse towardes vs, but alwaies beeing through thy grace and assistaunce defended: we may be fully and

perfectly armed against all the subtill intrappings of sathã, and rest wholly in thy mercifull defence and ayde. For thou hast (O Lord and eternal God) in thy gouernment, all thinges in heauen and earth, all power and dominion ouer all creatures, Angelles & diuels, to rule them according to thy good pleasure and will, to the profit and commoditie of thy Church, and euery faythfull member thereof, and to thine owne incomprehensible glory in all ages, for euer and euer thy glorious name may be exalted, and thy faithfull flock edifyed through Christe our Lord.

¶ A Confession of sinnes with faith and repentaunce.

O Mercifull and heauenly Father, we thy seruauntes do humbly prostrate our selues before thy Maiestie, acknowledging here in thy sight our haynous offences cõmitted against thy Maiestie, séeing & beholding thy heauy wrath against them, we féele our selues laden (O Lorde our God) with a huge cõpany of horrible sins, wherof euen ỹ very least, beeing but cõceyued in thought, is sufficiẽt in iudge-

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sting burning lake. Our own consciences
(O Lord) do beare witnesse against vs, of
our manifold transgressions of thy blessed
lawe, of our security & senceleſſe blindnes
rúning headlong to destruction, cõmitting
syn after syn (although not notorious to ỹ
world) yet horrible before thine eye. The
thoughts of our hearts ryse vp in indge-
ment against vs, the vanitie of our talke
before thy Maiestie condempneth vs, the
wickednesse of our deedes from thy sight
reiecteth vs, all our wicked thoughtes,
wordes and deedes, with the inward cor-
ruption of our nature, do altogether as it
were a whole lumpe and lode of sinne, lye
heauy vpon vs, & with theyr intollerable
weyght, do euen presse vs downe to hell.
We do dayly grone vnder the burthen of
them, inwardly lamenting our own folly
so greedily running into them. In heauen
earth, or hell, we see none able to sustaine
the weyght of them, but euen thy dearely
beloued sõne Iesus Christ, who (in mercy
infinite, and compassion endlesse) hath su-
staysed & ouercome that endlesse punish-
ment due vnto them. In him therfore, in
him (most mercifull Father) and through

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him we come to thee, beeing fully assured according to thy promise, that thou wylt accept & take that full recompence which he thy deare sonne hath made for vs, as a iust raunsome for the sinnes of all those who with a true fayth take holde on him. In him therefore we see thine anger towardes vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied, and our debts payde.

Increase in vs (good Lorde) we beseeche thee, this lyuelie and feeling fayth, for we feele it oftentimes in vs verie weake, and troubled with many doubtes. Increase it in vs (O Lorde) that we may through thy holy spirit be assured, that the punishment of our sinnes is fully in thy sonne discharged. Make vs (O Lord our God) to feele this same in our selues & consciences, that Iesus Christ is ours, and all that he hath done, that we are grafted into his body, & made one with him, and therefore fellowheyres with him of euerlasting lyfe. Let vs not onlie haue these wordes in our mouthes (good Lorde) but through thy holy spirit let vs feele the comfort of them in our hearts fully sealed & setled in vs: that we feeling our selues inwardly before thy iudgement seate discharged, and our consciences

sciences towardes thee appeased, may be swallowed vp with an vnfeyned loue towarde thy heauenly Maiestie, & towards our brethren for thy sake. Make sinne to die in vs dayly more & more, that we may hate, detest, and vtterly abhorre all syn & wickednesse in all men, but especially in our selues, that we may strongly through thy holy Spirit, set our selues in open warre and defiaunce against all sinne and wickednes: that we please not our selues in our sinnes, but straytghtly examining sinne by ỹ iust rule of thy holy Lawes, we may vtterly from ỹ bottom of our hearts, condempne euen the least sinne in our selues, hauing our whole ioye, comfort and consolation vpon those thinges which be agreeable to thy blessed will, alwayes being afrayd to do any thing cõtrary to the same. That we may ent from the bottom of our harts, examine & trie our thoughts before thy presence, that they be vpright & vnfeyned, not hipocriticall in outwarde shew only and appearance: but that euen all corners of our harts being opened and disclosed before thee, we may euen as though it were openlie before the face of the whole worlde, bring them in shewe,

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knowing that a double heart is detestable in thine eyes, and that we may walke alwayes as before thine eyes, not onlie before the eyes of man, beeing more carefull to walke circũspectly, in this respect, that we haue thée to be a viewer of our doings, a thousãd folde more then ẏ eyes of man, that thus we may walke as becõmeth thy children, not onlie in outwarde shew, but also in sincerity of heart, abhorring euen the least sinne in our selues, striuing, resisting and fighting against sinne, not delighting our selues in sinne, nor nourishing the same in our breast: but earnestly embracing, and studiously seeking after those things which be pleasaunt in thine eyes, that neyther the feare of man, nor losse of goodes, lyfe, landes, possessions or freends, draw vs away from thée, to do any least thing contrary to thy will & pleasure, neyther the fauor or frendship of mã, nor yet the flattering entisements of this world, nor the vaine promotions of the same do moue vs any whit from the true and endlesse ioy, delyght and pleasure which we ought to haue in those thinges which be agreeable to thy wyll, & the constraunt performaunce of the same: but that alwayes

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to the ende of our life we may continue in thy pathes, growing and increasing from fayth to fayth, from strength to strength, tyll at length we shall come to thy euerlasting rest. Amen.

A Prayer for the estate of the whole Church.

O Lord our God and heauenly Father, forasmuch as by thy holy worde we are commaunded in our prayers, not onlie to be mindfull of our selues, but also of all others thy children, yea, euen of our enemies: we commend vnto thy diuine Maiestie, all thy whole true and Catholique Church, & euery member thereof: that as it hath pleased thy goodnesse by thy bright beames of thy holy word, to shine ouer y whole worlde, wherby thou hast expelled, driuen away, & caused to vanish the darke and mistie clouds of ignorance and superstition: so thou wouldest vouchsafe by thy holy spirit to touch the hearts of men, that they may ioyfully imbrace that thine so highe a treasure sent amongst vs, that through our vnthankfulnesse we prouoke not thy Maiestie in anger to take it from

vs. Crush, bruse, & destroy with the breath of thy mouth, the mighty power of that mã of sinne, which so proudly exalteth him selfe aboue all that is called God. Let not thy simple flock (deare Father) in whose consciences he of long tyme hath, and yet doth syt as God, be any longer poysoned with his swéete entysing poysons: but so lighten their harts, that they may perceyue his iuglings, and embrace the swéete and comfortable doctrine of lyfe euerlasting, reuealed in thy glorious Gospell.

And for asmuch as it hath pleased thée in mercie aboue all Nations of the earth, to powre downe the sweet showers of thy heauenly Graces vpon this our English natiõ aboundantly, in more plentifull wise, watering the same with the gyftes of thy holie Spirit, in promoting thy Gospell, and ouerthrowing idolatry, we beseech thée continue thy fauour towards the same, & vtterly rote out all remnaunts, reliques & monuments of Idolatrie, that thy glorious Name may be throughly exalted, in sincere, pure, and holy worshippe. And as thou hast in mercy from amongst vs in this thy Church, vtterly banished all false, venemous & poysonfull doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Chyl-

dren heretofore haue bene woũded to death, and in place thereof hast placed the true and comfortable doctrine of lyfe euerlastyng, wherewith the Soules of thy Chyldren be fedde and nourished to euerlasting ioye: so in lyke mercie and fauour we beséeche thée, deare Father, establishe in the same thy Church, a true, perfect, and sincere regiment thereof, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed Woorde, all fantasies of mannes braine, and dreames of humaine policie vtterly abolished, that thy glorious Maiestie only may be exalted in the light of thy glorious gospell: and that thy Church may flourishe and increase, béeing through thy protection ayded, supported, mayntayned and defended. We beséech thée by thy holy spirit, guide and rule euery part & member thereof, especiallie thy seruaunt Elyzabeth our Quéene, whome thy gratious fauour and merciful prouidence hath appointed a chéefe member in the same, vnder whose winges next vnto thy protection it hath a chéefe succour and support. Graũt vnto her (O Lord) a pure and perfect zeale, aboue all things to promote thy glorie, first and chéefly, in labouring and endeuouring of her selfe, earnestly in wyping away and purging out of

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thy Church all blots and deformities, to reduce the same to a pure & sincere fourme of worship, agreeing to thy blessed Worde, vtterly to remoue all stumbling blocks which stay & hynder the course of thy Gospell. Giue her in lyke manner, O Lorde, the spirite of wisedome, discretion, and gouernment, that with equitie and Justice, she may see this whole Realme, which thou hast committed to her charge, peaceably & quietly gouerned: that she may studiously labour, that as well throughe the whole Realme, vertue be exalted, and vyce abandoned: especially, in her owne house and Court, that all wicked vanities of this world, all licentious and inordinate life, all flattering & dissimulation being vtterlie banished, the feare of thy glorious Maiestie may so reygne in the hearts of all within her Palace & Court, that their lyues & conuersation may be agreeable to thy blessed will, in sinceritie & true holinesse and integritie of lyfe, that from them (as from the head) may shine purity of lyfe, & cõuersatiõ, as an example & paterne of true godlynesse to the whole Realme. Preserue her, we beseeche thee good Lorde, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it be thy good will, she may haue a long and quiet reigne ouer vs,

to the benefite of thy Church, & the aduancement of thy glory. Indue the whole counsell (good Lord) with true and perfect wisdome, that in all their consultations and counsels, hauing thée present before their eyes: they may consult of those thinges which principally & cheefly may be for the aduauncement of thy glory, & the commodity of thy church, and next for the quiet peace & gratious gouernment of this Realme. So lyghten all inferiour Magistrates of this Realme (good Lord) with the brightnesse of thy holy spirit, that vnderstanding thy wyll, they may zelously defende, mayntayne and further the course of the Gospell with the swoorde of iustice, cutts of the wicked, and cherishe the godly.

Defende and gouerne by thy holy spirit, the Pastours of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they may zelously, earnestlie and dilligentlie feede thy flocke committed vnto them, with the foode of lyfe, thy blessed woorde, wherewith their soules may be nourished to lyfe eperlasting. Increase the number of them, deare Father, place ouer euery flócke, a godly, learned and painfull Pastor, who may painfully & carefully trauayle euerie one in his charge, to bring

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thy people (which nowe alas in moste parts do wander and goe astray like lost sheepe) to the true knowledge of thee their Lorde and God, & of thy deere sonne Christe Jesu their Saviour. And for thy mercie, we beseech thee, to take pitie vpon thy poore and simple flock, rote out all rauening woolues, which haue craftily crept into the shepfolde and do make hauocke of the Soules of thy semple flocke. Cast out all hyrelings, faine seruers, and dumbe dogs, which to fyll their bellyes onlie, haue thrust themselues among thy sheepe, and do pittifullie suffer the flocke of Christe thy sonne, to be deuoured and scattered of the woulfe. Stirre vp good Lorde, & place in their rowmes faithfull shepheards, which diligently, painfully, carefully, and earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seeke to winne the soules of thy people, out of the tyranny and power of sathā, to the freedom of thy deere sonne Christe Jesu our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furnished with godly learned pastors, we beseech thee to prosper & increase in all godly knowledge, all Schooles of learning, especially the two Vniuersities, Cambridge and Oxford. Graunt deere father, vnto all the students of the same, that the cheefe ende of all their

ſtudyes may be to the furtheraunce of thy Church, and mayntenaunce of the common wealth. Bleſſe their ſtudies, deare Father, that all vaine ſtudies ſet aſyde: they may ſo fructifie in all profitable and godly ſciences, that hereafter they may become profitable members in thy Church, & godly vpholders of the common wealth.

Graunt (good Lord) to all the whole commons of this Realme, that their hearts being touched with a ſincere feare and reuerence of thy heauenly Maieſtie, acknowledging thy mercy, in placing ouer them a godly Princeſſe, they may, euery one in their callings, walke in all true and humble obedience vnto her, in thee and for thee without reſiſtance, tumultes, inſurrections, conſpyracies, or rebellions: knowing that to reſiſt the hygher powers, is to rebell againſt thy Maieſtie. Finally, we beſeeche thy goodneſſe to guyde and gouerne the hearts of all the whole Realme of euerie degree, that euerie one in his calling, being by thy grace ſupported, may ſo occupy his Talent, that thy glorie in all thinges may be aduaunced, thy Church inlarged, and this whole Realme into ſincere godlineſſe vertuouſly reduced.

Moreouer we beſeeche thee (O Lord our God)

God) in mercie to beholde all those, which suffer persecution for thy glorions wordes sake, whether it be imprisonment, death, or banishment, or whatsoeuer else: strengthen them good Lorde, that they hauing thee alwayes before their eyes, and thy glorie layde vp for them in the lyfe to come: may continue constant in defending thy trueth, without feare of man, or vaine allurem̃ets of the world, that whether it come by lyfe or death, they may glorifie thy holy name in continuing in the trueth to the ende. Preserue in lyke manner we beseech thee, all others thy childre̅, whom it hath pleased thee with any other kinde of crosse to chasten for their amendment, whether by pestilence, famine, warre, pouertie, imprisonment, sickneſſe or banishment, trouble of conscience, veration of spirite, disquietneſſe of minde, want of spiritual cõfort, or whatsoeuer kind of affliction of body or minde, thou dost trye them with: that by thy holie spirite being fullie assured, that thou by this thy correction mindest to call them back to a feeling of their sinne, and due cõsideration of their life & conuersion, that they may patiently abyde thy Fatherly tryall, looking for ayde, helpe and comfort from thee, when it seemeth most

conuenient to thy godly wisedome, and being by thy mercifull hande once delyuered, may acknowledge thy singuler power and worke, giuing all laude and prayse to thy glorious name: and afterwardes, all the dayes of their lyfe, study and lyue before thee in sinceritie and perfect holynesse, euen to their lyues ende. Amen.

¶ Morning Prayer for pryuate houses and Families.

O Gracious God, and louing Father, accordyng to thy commaundement, we do here present our selues before thy Maiestie, hymbly prostrating our selues before the throne of mercie, acknowledging & confessing from the bottome of our hearts that we be myserable sinners, dayly breaking thy cõmaundements, both in thought, word, and deede, wherein we iustly deserue euerlasting dampnation, and to be vtterly throwne from thy presence, yet (O Lorde) wee see thy goodnesse againe towardes vs, who not suffering vs thus to perishe in our sinnes, hast sent thine owne deere Sonne Iesus Christe to take vpon him whatsoeuer is due, to reconcyle and make vs at one

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with thée againe. In him therefore, good Lorde, and through him do we come vnto thée, beséeching thée for his sake, that we fée-ling the grieuousnesse of our sinnes, and groning vnder the burden of them, maye féele the releasse and ease of them, in that we be through thy holy spirit assured, and stedfastly beléeue, that Christe hath borne the burthen of them, euen for vs. Graunt (O Lorde) that we being assured hereof in our consciences, may through thy holy spirit be renewed in the inner man, to hate, detest, and abhorre sinne, and to study to lyue according to thy blessed will, during our whole lyfe.

We do not onely praye for our selues, but also for all thy whole Church, especially such as be persecuted for thy worde: graunt vnto them, that whether it be by death or lyfe, they may glorifie thy name to their lyues ende. Be mercifull to this Churche of Englande and Irelande, we beséeche thée good Lorde, and preserue euerie parte and member of the same, especially thy seruaunt Elyzabeth our Quéene. Graunt her all such giftes as be needefull for so high a calling, to the aduauncement of thy glory, and benefite of this common wealth, to the esta-

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blyſhing of a perfecte gouernment of thy Churche, accoꝛding to the pꝛeſcript rule of thy bleſſed woꝛde, to the roting out of all ſuperſtition and reliques of Antichꝛiſte, to the gouerning of her Subiectes in all peace and tranquilitie. Defende her (O Loꝛde) from all conſpiracies, treaſons, and rebelli-ons, and ſo woꝛke in the hearts of all her Subiects, that knowing her authoꝛity doth come from thy heauenlie Maieſtie: they maye with obedient hearts humblie obey her, in thee and foꝛ thee. Pꝛeſerue the whole Counſell & the Magiſtrates of the Kealme, that being lyghtened through thy holy Spi-rit, they may defende thy trueth, ſuppꝛeſſe wickedneſſe, and mayntaine equitie. Be-holde all the Paſtours and Pꝛeachers of the woꝛlde, bleſſe their labours, increaſe the number of them, place ouer euerie Church a paynefull watchman, remoue all ydle Lubbers, and confounde the power of Antichꝛiſte, and turne the hearts of the people, that they may be obedient to thy trueth. Bleſſe the two Vniuerſyties, Cambꝛidge and Oxfoꝛde, and all the Stu-dyentes of the ſame, with all Schooles of learning. Beholde all thoſe that bee af-flicted with any kinde of Croſſe, that they

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may profite by thy correction in newnesse of lyfe. ‡*‡

Lastlie, for our selues here gathered togeather, we hartily craue at thy handes, that it would please thée to make vs thankfull vnto thy Maiestie, for all thy louing kyndnesse shewed vnto vs, euen from our infancie: especiallie, that thou hast this present nyght delyuered vs from all daungers bothe of body & soule, whereinto many haue fallen, as we in lyke manner shoulde haue done, if we had not bene stayed with thy mercifull hande: that thou hast also graunted vnto vs so swéete and comfortable rest, and hast nowe presently brought vs vs to the beginning of this day. For these thinges (good Lorde) wée yéelde vnto thée most harty thankes, beséeching thée to make vs more and more daylie thankfull vnto thy Maiestie for them, and pardon our vnthankfulnesse. And as thou hast safely preserued vs vnto this present howre from all the daungers of this lyfe: so we beséeche thée continue thy fauour towardes vs this day, and the whole course of our lyfe. Defende vs, O Lorde, that we nowe entering into the affaires of this day, be not drawn away with ỹ vaine allurements of this world, to

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sinne and wickednesse: that we walke not in the shaddowe of death, that we be not intangled in the snares of sinne, that we stumble not at the blockes of iniquitie, that we finallie fall not into the pytte of death, and destruction: but being shaddowed vnder thy wynges, we may cheerefully and constauntly goe on forwarde to the ende of our course. Graunt vnto vs, O Lorde our God, that this good tyme which thou grauntest vnto vs in this lyfe, be not idlely, or vainly of vs consumed, but that euery one of vs may be diligently exercised in his calling this daye, and all our lyfe long, being assured that thou wylt once call vs to yéelde an accompt of our Stewardshippe: endue vs we beseéche thée, with those gyftes, and graces which be néedefull for vs in our calling, and that with a pure and sincere conscience wée may vse them to the benefite of our Brethren, and discharge of our owne consciences, before thy Maiestie. We beseéche thée, O Lorde, that in all our consultations, wordes and workes this day, and the whole course of our lyfe, we may alwayes haue thée present before our eyes, knowing that thou seest euen the very déepe thoughts of our hearts, which alwayes may be as a

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bydle to pull vs backe, that we neyther dw, nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wickednesse: but that alwayes we may be so exercised in the affayres of this lyfe, that we loke still to the ende of our course, when it shall please thée to bring vs through the Pilgrimage of this lyfe to our euerlasting rest, with thy deare Sonne Jesus Christe our Sauiour. In whose name for these mercies, & whatsoeuer thou knowest to be néedefull for vs, and for thy whole Church, wée praye vnto thée, as hée him selfe hath taught vs in his holy worde, saying. Our Father which art. &c.

The Lorde blesse vs, and saue vs, the Lorde make his face to shine vpon vs, and be mercifull vnto vs, the Lorde turne his fauourable countenaunce towarde vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our Lorde Jesus Christe, the loue of God the Father, and the most comfortable fellowshippe of the holy Ghost be with vs, preserue and kéepe vs this day and euermore. Amen.

Euening

⁂ Euening Prayer for priuate houſes and Famylies.

O Gratious God and louing Father. &c. As in the begynning of the Morning Prayer, reading ſo forth, tyll ye come to this marke. ‡*‡ Then reade this following for the Euening.

Laſtly, for our ſelues here gathered, we render moſt hartie thankes to thy Maieſtie, O Lord, which haſt hitherto from our infãcie, preſerued vs by thy mercie from all peryls and daungers bothe of ſoule and body, whereunto frayle man is ſubiect, that thou haſt ſent vnto vs all thinges neceſſarie for this preſent life, as health, foode, apparell, and ſuch like, which many of thy deare children do want, being notwithſtanding, as pretiouſly bought with the precious blood of thy deere ſonne, as we be, and yet lye in miſery and calamity, oppreſſed with pouerty, nakednesſe, impryſonment & banyſhment, in which caſe alſo (deare Father) thou mighteſt haue brought vs, ſaue only that thou dealeſt herein more fauourablie with vs, then with them. For the which thy louing kindneſſe we giue thee hartie thankes, deſiring

ring thée, that as thou hast hytherto thus fauourably in mercie preserued vs by thy protection, and euen presently this day hast brought vs past all daungers thereof: so we beseech thée good Lord, in lyke fauour behold vs this night, that we taking our naturall rest and quietnesse, may through thy protection be defended, that our bodyes resting, our Soules may be occupyed in beholding thy fauour and mercy toward thy children, styll loking for the comming of our Lorde and Sauiour Jesus Christe for our full redemption. Graunt that our slæpe be not immoderate, according to the lust of our flesh, but as much as is sufficient to refreshe our weake nature: that being thus refreshed, bothe the body and the minde may be more able to dow their seuerall office & function, in that vocation wherin thou hast placed vs.

Graunt that we laying our bodies downe to rest, may be thereby put in minde of our long rest of death: that as we dow nowe lay downe our bodies in bedde, so we may be thereby admonished, that hereafter they shall be layde downe in graue, to be consumed to dulte, earth, and ashes, from whence they were taken. That we hauing this before our eyes: maye be stirred vppe in

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minde warely to walke in this our Pilgrimage, not knowing when the tyme shall be of our departure, but alwayes to be founde ready with our lamps of pure faith clearely burning, that we may be accepted to mæte the Bridegroome, when our mortall, earthly, and corruptible bodies shall be made like to the glorious body of our Lord & Sauiour Christe Iesu, there to reigne with him in perpetuall ioy and cõsolation together with all the elect children of God, cõtinually laudung with all heauenly multitude the glorious Maiestie of thæ our Lord God and heauenly Father, in our Lord & Sauiour Iesu Christe. For these and whatsoeuer else thou knowest to be nædefull for vs & thy whole Church, we pray vnto thæ, as he him selfe hath taught vs, saying. Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

The Lord bless vs and saue vs, the Lord make his face to shine vpon vs, & be mercifull vnto vs: the Lord turne his fauourable countenaunce vnto vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the moste comfortable fellowshippe of the holy ghost, be with vs, preserue and kæpe vs this night and euermore. Amen.

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A Prayer to be sayd before the studying or reading of holy Scripture.

O Heauenlie Father, whatsoeuer I am, whatsoeuer I haue, whatsoeuer I know, it is only by thy grace. For by nature I am the chylde of wrath, & I am not borne a new of flesh and blood, neyther of the séede of man, or of the wyll of man. Flesh & blood can not reueale the misteries of thy heauenlie kingdome vnto mée: but by thy blessed will I am that I am, and by the same know I that I know. Therefore (O Father) do I commit into thy hands only, my saluation. If my knowledge be small, yet I doubt nothing but that I am the childe of thy euerlasting kingdome, and therfore by thy mightie power I shall grow (when it shall be thy good will and pleasure) to a more full & riper knowledge, as of a more perfect age, wherin my faith shall be fully able to comprehend & perceiue the breadth, deapth, heigth & largenesse of thy great mercies and gratious promises. But séeing (O Father) this power of full knowledge & perfect reuelation, passeth all power naturall, and remayneth only in thy power, and ỹ light of thy spirit. O Lord do thou whatsoeuer it shall please thée, to

open vnto me and all the reſt of thine elect ſeruauntes & childꝛen, depending vpon thée, ſo much of the lyght of thy countenaunce as may be moſt foꝛ thy glozy and our comfoꝛt, yea, & at ſuch tyme as ſhall ſéme good to thy wiſdome and fatherly mercy. In the meane while thus reſting wholy vpon thée, neither can I deſpayꝛe, neyther will I be too much carefull, although I cannot attayne to the knowledge of many of thy woꝛkes, neyther to the vnderſtanding of many places of thy ſcriptures. But I will confeſſe vnto thée the weakneſſe of my fayth, wayting alwayes foꝛ ỹ further reueling of thy glozious lyght to be vttered vnto me thy poꝛe ſeruaunt, when thou ſhalt think (of thy fatherly benevolence & goodneſſe) méete and conuenient. I knowing moſte aſſuredly that thou wylt pittie my weake imbecillitie and chyldiſhe infancie, and cauſe the ſame to ſerue foꝛ thy glozy, & my great commoditie: ſéeing that I erre as a childe befoꝛe ſuch a Father, which canſt not put of thy fatherly pittie and compaſſion, but rather as thou haſt bought mée vnto thée, to be an heyꝛe of thy kingdome by the blood of thy naturall Sonne my ſauiour Jeſus Chꝛiſte: ſo am I ſure that thou wylt lyghten mée in the ende with full fruition of

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the bright light of thy countenaunce, that I may sée thée & knowe thée, as this thy sonne knoweth thée: yea, sée thée and know thée my Father face to face, and knowe thée as I am knowen. Thus rest I onely in thy handes (O my God) crauing of thée to increase my knowledge in thy holy Word, whereby I may knowe thy good will and pleasure. And knowing the same: giue mée, O Lorde thy holy spirit to conduct and leade mée in the same all ỹ dayes of my lyfe, that in sincerity of faith, and pureneſſe of liuing and conuersation, thy glorious Maiestie be magnified in mée for euer. Graunt this, O Father, for thy dearely beloued Sonne our sauiour Iesus Christ, to whome with thée and the holy ghost, be all honour, glory and prayse, world without ende. Amen.

Prayers and thanksgiuing to be sayde before and after meate.

Prayer before meate.

O Lorde God and Heauenlie Father, in thy beloued Sonne Iesus Christe, worke in our harts true repentance, with increase of a true & liuely fayth, make vs thankfull vnto thy Maiestie for all thy

benefites which we continually receyue at thy merciful hand, graunt vs the grace, that we may at this preſent with thãkful harts, as from thy hands receyue meate and drink for the ſuſtenance of our bodies, with moderation vſe them to thy glory, & through thy bleſſing, receyue them by perfect nouriſhmẽt, and aboue all we craue at thy handes (good Lord) ỹ heauenly fode of our ſoules, which neuer periſheth, that through thy gratious goodneſſe, we may be nouriſhed and ſtrengthened bothe in ſoule & body to eternall life, through Jeſus Chriſte our Sauiour. Amen.

Thankſgiuing after meate.

ETernall God, and mercifull Father, we yéeld vnto thée moſt harty thanks for all thy benefites ſo plentifully beſtowed vppon vs, eſpecially that thou haſt at this preſent fedde and nouriſhed our mortal bodies with meate and drinke: we beſéeche thée in lyke maner let our ſoules féele the ſwéete taſte of thy heauenly fode, that we being fedde and nouriſhed at thy hands, both in ſoule & body: may in this life walke as it becommeth thy children, & in the lyfe to come, be receyued to thine eternall kingdome of glorie, through Jeſus Chriſte our Lord and ſauiour. Amen.

A Prayer before meate.

O Mercifull and Heauenlie Father, who giuest fode to euerie lyuing creature, & without whome nothing can liue, blesse and sanctifie our meates and drinkes, which we are nowe about to receyue, that they may turne to ỹ nourishment of our bodies, wherunto thou hast appoynted them, that we acknowledging thy gratious godnesse (in prouiding so liberally for our bodies) may with chéerefull hearts be lyfted vp earnestly to long after the fode of our soules, wherby we may be fed eternally through Iesus Christe our Sauiour. Amen.

A thanksgiuing after meate.

O Heauenly Father, for these thy benefits wherwith thou hast now sufficiẽtly fed our bodies, we beséech thée make vs thankfull. And as we féele the swéetnesse of them pleasaunt to our bodies: so we beséeche thée (good Lord) that the fode of our soules may be as pleasant & cõfortable vnto our soules, and ỹ we may with as careful harts prouide for the nourishment of our soules: as we are carefull for our bodies, till it shall please thy Maiestie to bring vs to the place, where we shall neuer hunger nor thirst more, but liue

eternally thꝛough Chꝛiſt our ſauiour. Amẽ.

A Prayer before meate.

O Lorde our God and heauenlie Father, which haſt pꝛouided meate and dꝛinke, foꝛ the nouriſhment of our bodies, giue vs grace to vſe them reuerentlie as from thy hands with thankfull hearts. And as we do greatly hunger and thyꝛſte foꝛ this fode of our bodies: ſo we beſeech thée (good Lorde) that our ſoules may earneſtly hunger after the lyke fode and nouriſhment, that with earneſt minds we may ſéke to haue our ſoules fed and refreſhed eternally, thꝛough our only Lorde and ſauiour Jeſus Chꝛiſte. So be it.

A thankſgiuing after meate.

WOnderfull is thy pꝛouidence, O Lorde, in pꝛeſeruing all lyuing Creatures. Graunt vs grace we beſeech thée, that with thankfull hearts we may acknowledge thy bountifull goodneſſe, ſo lyberally giuing vnto vs all things néedefull: eſpecially féeding vs ſo plentifully at this pꝛeſẽt with thy manifolde bleſſinges, whereof a great many of our bꝛethꝛen are deſtitute, as in like maner we ſhould be, if thou diddeſt not deale moꝛe lyberally with vs: graunt vs thereforе, gracious Lorde, that we may be thankfull foꝛ this

this thy goodnesse, & to be mindfull of them, which haue not such aboundance to relieue them: that being all members of one body, we may at length reygne with our heade Christe, to whome be all honour and glorie worlde without ende. Amen.

✻A thanksgiuing after the receyuing of our bodily sustenaunce, and reading of some part of Gods holie worde our spirituall foode.

O Lord our God, the only giuer of all good gyftes, who of thy great mercies hast made vs partakers, bothe of the Heauenlie gifts of thy holy Word, to fede our mindes, and of thine earthlie Creatures for the necessarie sustenaunce of our weake bodies: graunt wee beseeche thee that through thy grace, these thy gyftes may be made perfect vnto vs, giue strength vnto our meate, that it may be our healthfull nourishment, not to breede in vs any carnall desire of our vayne lyfe: but to enable our bodyes to all good workes, during the time of this present pilgrimage, that so thy good creatures may be our good releefe, so long as thou wylt, and so much as thou knowest to be expedient for vs thy seruants, to finish our dayes which thou

hast numbred, in ỹ edifying of thy Saints, and glorifying of thy holy Name. And because (O Lorde) we knowe nothing of our selues, but our ignorant hearts are full of darknesse, therfore we beseech thee that this thy Word (which is thine eternal wisdom) that now we haue read, (and wherein we haue had our conference:) maye be in our mindes a shining light of thine only trueth, and in our hearts a fruitful sede of our new byrth, so that thine owne Image may be happily againe restored in vs, and we may be made before thee a holy & righteous people, by the inward working of thy gratious spirit, dayly stregthening our hearts in earnest loue of thy trueth, & carefull obedience of thy commaundementes, through Iesus Christe our only mediatour, who in the sacrifise of his owne body, hath purchased vnto vs all thy fauour, and hath giuen vs this boldnesse to call vpon thee. Vnto whome (O Father) with thee and the holy ghost, be honour and glory, world without ende. Amen.

E. D.

A Prayer for all tymes.

O Lord God Father of mercy, and God of all consolation, without whom we haue neyther

neyther hope, noꝛ cõfoꝛt, wᵉ poꝛe wꝛetches and myserable sinners beseech thée of thy fatherly gꝏdnesse to loke vpon vs, & so make vs partakers of thy gratious gꝏdnesse, that we may still increase in all gꝏdnesse, so that euermoꝛe we may set foꝛth thine honoꝛ and gloꝛie. Let our conuersation be such, that a great many beholding our gꝏd woꝛks, may gloꝛifie thée our heauenly Father, and so direct our wayes, that we may holde foꝛth the pꝛofession of thy Gospell as a Lanthoꝛne to lyghten the steppes of a great many, that they may turne to thée, & pꝛaise thy name in their visitation. Thus (O Loꝛd) we beseech thée to deale with vs, that in déede we may be vesselles of honour vnto thée, nowe to set foꝛth the pꝛayse of thy name, and after this transitoꝛy life, to behold thy gloꝛy, who hast immoꝛtalytie alone, and dwellest in lyght, that no man hath appꝛoched vnto: remoue farre from vs our sinnes & iniquities, that they may not separate betwéen vs and thée: blotte out of vs our offences, and make our pꝛayers ryghteous, that thou mayst fauourably graunt our requestes: loke vpon vs with thy fauourable mercy, that thou mayst haue pittie vppon vs, and beholde vs in the righteousnesse of thy beloued Sonne Chꝛist

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Jesu, & that we may be presented faultlesse in thy sight, and thou accepting vs as holie: we may find the grace euermore to set forth thine honour and glorie, and to speake of thy prayses in the middest of all thy people. Let vs loue (O Lorde) the thinges that are good, and hate the things that are euyl, let vs delight in all thinges that may please thee, and let vs be grieued with whatsoeuer is displeasaunt in thy sight. And to the intent we may haue true vnderstanding, & be able to discerne betwene things, which is good or euil: we beseech thee let thy word dwel plentifully in vs, which may guyde our vnderstandings so, ỹ we may abound in all knowledge, & do according to that which is righteous. And in this estate of true Christianitie, being instructed in minde, and ready in body to all holy obedience: we beseeche thee make vs to growe & increase from grace to grace, from faith to faith, vntyl we come vnto the fulnesse of age to be perfect members of the body of Christ, wayting for the blessed hope of thy elect, and sighing in spirit vntyll the time that thy children shall be reuealed. In the meane seasō let vs sigh with al those that haue receyued the first fruits of thy spirite, that these dayes of sinne may cease,

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that sathã be troden downe vnder feete, that Antichriste maye be reuealed yet to many thousands ẏ be in ignorance, that the number of thine elect may be full, the body of thy Saints made perfect, all teares wiped from our eyes, euen then when the Sunne shall appeare againe the second tyme to iudge the quicke and the dead, which tyme (O Lord) send quickly, according to thy good will, and teach vs to pray with all thy Saints. Come Lord Iesu, come quickly. Graunt this (O Father) for thy sonnes sake, in whose name we praye vnto thée. And although we be but earth and ashes, yet we are bolde to say vnto thée, (the God of all glorie) euen as he hath taught vs. Our Father which art in Heauen. &c.

E. D.

A Prayer for all Estates.

O Lord God Father of lyght, with whom is no chaunge, neyther yet shadowe of chaũge, but hast established thine appointed counsels, which shall not be chaunged for euer, thou (O God) hast made among vs this diuersitie of Estates & degrées, according as euery cõmon wealth requireth, kéepe vs all, we beseech thée, ẏ we may walke obediently

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in our calling, and followe the steppes that thou hast set before vs, euẽ from the highest to the lowest, let vs accomplishe that duetie vnto which thou hast appoynted vs, and with a faithfull remembraunce of thy promise made of olde to our Father Abraham, that thou art his exceeding great rewarde, we may likewise depend on thy prouidence, and seeke not any shamefull wayes to gette our lyuing, wandring from the ryghteousnesse of our vocation, into the manifolde errors of sinne and iniquitie. Loke vpõ vs (O Lorde) and inritch vs with thy grace, make vs obediẽt to our inferiors, meeke towards our enemies, faythfull to our freendes, true and iust towardes all men, that we may dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine elect, vntill thou shalt make an end of all our labours. Loke vppon our most excellent Queene, and her honorable Counsell, and as thou hast called them to the highest rowme: so giue vnto them the greatest measures of grace, that they may faithfully dispence the Talents committed vnto them. Leade them with the good king Dauid into thy Sanctuarie, that they may see thy louing kindnesse which is better then lyfe, and say with the Prophet: All flesh is grasse, and the glory of

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man is as the flower of the feeld, and so consecrate them selues to do thy wyll, offer vp their bodies to be holy, lyuely, & reasonable sacrifises vnto thée, that they may be nurses & nursfathers vnto thy Church. Loke also we beseech thee vpon thy Ministers whome thou hast appoynted to the preaching of thy Gospell, make them (O God) faithfull dispensers of thy mysteries, without respect of personnes, to do the worke vnto the which thou hast appoynted them, that they may conuert sinners, & haue their glory perfect in the day of Christ, and knit vs together in peace and loue, that they may be full of compassion one towardes another, to reioyce with them that reioyce, and mourne with them that mourne, especially to instruct one another in the wayes of righteousnesse, that by our mutual helpe we may ỹ better withstande our enemy, and dwell safe in hope of thine elect, tyl our dayes shalbe full, and we shall walke in the wayes of all the worlde. Which time we beseech thée bring vs happily vnto, euen for thy sonnes sake we beseech thée, to whome with thée, and the holy ghost, three persons and one God, be all honour and glorie, nowe and for euermore. Amen. Amen.

A fourme of Morning prayer neceſſarie for this preſent tyme for godly Chriſtians, to vſe in their houſes and Families.

WE moſt humblie thanke thée (O Heauenly Father) for the ſweéte and quiet reſt that we haue had this night, for the louing and fauourable deliueraunce out of all daungers bothe of body and ſoule, which we iuſtlie deſerue to be throwen into, for our manifolde ſinnes, for that thou haſt rayſed vs vp this morning, we pray thée to goe before vs: & for aſmuch as thou ſéeſt our ſluggiſhneſſe and drowſineſſe, it would pleaſe thée (good Lorde) to pull vs after thée, and to ſhewe vs thoſe wayes, which thou haſt appointed vs to walke in. And as thou renueſt this morning, ſo renue thy mercies, and as thou cauſeſt the ſunne comfortably to ſhine to our bodily eyes: ſo vouchſafe (we praye thée) to be ſunne vnto our bodies and to our ſoules, by the beames of thy holy Spirit, and Starre of thy bleſſed Worde, ſhyning into the middeſt of our hearts, to driue away all the night and darkneſſe of all prophaneneſſe, to chaſe away all want of true feare of thy good Maieſtie: and in place thereof, bring

bring in loue towardes thy Glory, zeale of thy House, loue also towards our brethren: especiallie, those that thou aboue the rest commendest vnto vs, that we may loue them with that loue, wherwithall thou hast first loued vs, which is pure, vncorrupt, vehement, and euerlasting, and therefore we pray thee to ryd our hearts of all naughtie and corrupt loue, and whatsoeuer is vnmeete to be in those vesselles that are to serue such a mighty Prince as thou art, and in those houses wherein it pleaseth thy Maiestie by thy holy Spirit to dwell: and therfore on the other syde (good Lorde) chase away from vs all rancor & malice, all pride, enuiousnesse, disdaynfulnesse, vncharitablenesse, vnnaturalnesse, vnkindnesse, & whatsoeuer is contrary to that loue, wherof thou hast giuen vs a liuely example in our Sauiour Jesus Christe: vnto the which example, graunt (good Lorde) that we may alwayes haue our eyes lifted vp, & therin holden, and caused thereby to profit, vntyll such tyme as we come into that perfectiõ, whervnto thou hast appoynted we shall come. Vouchsafe moreouer by the comming of the selfe same spirit, to scatter in vs all the night & darknesse of ignorannce, & forgetfulnesse, and of

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all thoſe thinges which pertaine to the clearer & fuller knowledge of thy trueth. Take frõ vs all negligence, all want of iudgement and diſcretion, and deliuer vs from all thoſe things, which thou knoweſt to be hinderances to vs, eyther to walke in that great calling of Chriſtianitie wherevnto thou haſt called vs: or in thoſe ſeuerall and particuler callings wherin thou haſt placed euery one of vs, that we may walke ſo (good Lorde) both in the one & in the other, that thy name may be glorified in bothe. Amen.

Euening Prayer.

O Lord prepare our hearts to pray, bowe downe thine eares (deere Father) and heare vs, open thine eyes and loke vpon vs for thy deere ſonne Jeſus Chriſtes ſake, and receyue our humble cõfeſſion that we make to thee againſt our ſelues, which haue broke all thy lawes, and therefore deſerue to haue thy heauie iudgementes powred vppon our heads to our vtter deſtruction, if thou ſhouldeſt enter into iudgement with the leaſt of our ſinnes (whereof we haue ſo great and infinite thouſands). Notwithſtanding, we praye to thee to turne away thy face from our ſinnes, and for Jeſus Chriſtes ſake to

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forgiue vs all that is past, and graunt that we may haue the assuraunce of the forgiuenesse of our synnes, sealed vp by thy holy Spirit in our consciences, wherby we knowing that we are at one with thée: maye haue our harts kindled with thy loue so feruentlie, as it may walke in vs all that is against thy holy Will. And for this cause we beséeche thee (Lorde) to goe forwarde in the worke of our new byrth, that thou hast begun in vs, and neuer take away thy hande, vntyll such tyme as thou hast made an ende of it. And to this ende, we beséech thée to slay in vs euery day, more & more, the olde man with his cõcupiscences, nayling them to the Crosse of thy deare sonne Iesus Christe: and causing vs to féele the power of his Passion in our bodies and in our soules, that we being partakers thereof, may also come to the fellowshippe of his resurrection: not onlie in that wée shall once appeare before thée, hauing these our base bodies chaunged, and made lyke vnto his glorious body: but also that we may in the meane tyme ryse from the death of sinne to all newnesse of life, and that our good workes may so shyne before men, that they séeing them may glorifie thée our heauenlie Father. Not only they that

are of the selfe same religion with vs, but those also that are enemies vnto thy trueth, may rather in the tyme of their calling by ỹ voyce of thy Gospell, yéeld them selues to be one shéepfold with vs. And we most humbly thanke thée (O heauenly Father) for all thy louing kindnesse bestowed vppon vs from tyme to tyme, and especially for that olde & auncient Loue, wherewithall thou hast loued vs before the beginning of the worlde: for that also ỹ thou calling vs by the voyce of thy holie gospell in that good tyme ỹ thou appointedst for vs, hast giuen vs faith, hope, and loue, and all other graces which thou knowest to be néedefull for vs: which we beséeche thée to increase in vs with mightie increases, according to that thou séest we haue néede of, hauing regarde to our manifold enemies, that we haue to wrestle with: and that we haue not to striue with flesh & blood, but against the diuelles them selues. And therfore considering their strength and our weaknesse, their craft & our simplicitie, their watchfulnesse and our sluggishnesse, their long experience & our rawnesse, their preparation & our nakednesse, and that we haue not onlie nothing to helpe vs, but also do carie about vs our owne cõcupiscences,

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ready to betraye vs into the handes of our enemies, it may please thee to furnishe vs from aboue, giuing vs the strength of thy holy spirit, in the inner man, reaching vnto vs the cõpleate harnesse of thy Grace, wherwith we beiug armed on both sides, may be prepared to all assaies, against all assaults of our enemies. And forasmuch as in this weaknesse we oftentymes giue backe, and sometymes runne away, we pray thee (O Lord) that with the hande of fayth, we may laye houlde on the victorie of our Sauiour Iesus Christe: that albeit we be not able to ouercome in our own persons: yet notwithstanding, we may ouercome in His, who hath ouercommed for vs all, and so be partakers of thole promises that thou hast knit vnto that glorious victorie. And we most humblie thanke thee also for those graces bothe of the body and soule, which pertayne to this present life: desiring thee to increase them vppon vs, and in vs, so farre forth as thou seest we haue neede of, to thy glory, the commoditie of others, and our owne comfortes: therefore we beseech thee (Lorde) to teache vs with thy holy Spirit, the lawfull vse of them: that thou wouldest not suffer our harts to be rooted in them, but that at al

tymes wée maye be wylling to part from them. And whensoeuer it shall please thée to call for vs, we may willingly goe vnto thée, as chyldren to their deare Fathers, straungers vnto their owne Countrey, and members of ỹ body vnto their head: and so much the gladder, by howe much thou Lorde art better then all the men in the world, and the kingdome that thou hast prepared, better then all the kingdomes thereof.

¶ An addition to the former Morning prayer, as time and leysure shall serue.

WE praye not only for our selues (O most merciful Father) but for all those that thou hast appoynted to eternall lyfe: beseeching thée to gather the number of those that are to be gathered, those that thou hast already called, thou wouldest alwayes kéep: and to this ende (good Lorde) raise vp faithful Ministers, bothe of thy Church and common weale, whose hearts thou wouldest fill with all Graces of thy holy Spirit méete for their callings, méete also for these daungerous tymes. Rote out from among thy Church, all rauening & deuouring Beasts, which to fill their owne bellyes, destroy thy flock. Cast thy selfe of all hirelings and idle

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sheepheards, which haue no care or skyll to fede thy flocke with the holsome fode of thy blessed Worde, nor to rule them with that equitie, wherewithall thou wylt haue thy people to be ruled: those Pastors that thou hast giuen, it woulde please thée to increase the number of them. Those that are fallen a slépe, and caryed away with the corruptiõs of these tymes, that thou wouldest awake, lettyng them vnderstande the charge that thou hast committed vnto them, the trust that thou hast put them in, and the accoũpt that thou wylt take at their handes. Be gratious (O Lorde) vnto this Land of ours, and enter not into iudgement with the horrible sinnes of it: namely, the contempt and light estéeming of thy holy Word, so many yéeres offered vnto vs, & we béeing trusted with all, so many Nations better then we béeing passed by, which would haue brought forth the fruite thereof more then we haue done: and we not only haue brought forth no good fruite, but rotten and vnsauoury, to prouoke thy Maiestie withall. Notwithstãding all these our sinnes, it would please thée in that loue, wherewithall thou hast first loued vs, when we hated thée, & in that long patience wherein thou hast hytherto borne

with vs, and dooſt yet beare, and tarieſt for our repentaunce, to graunt vs hartie and earneſt repentaunce, our hearts being effectually touched with thy holy Spirite, ſtryking theſe rockie hearts of ours, that they may be reſolued into ryuers of teares for our ſinnes, making them ſoft and make to receyue the print of thy holy Word, & ſeale of thy bleſſed Spirite, wryting with thy finger thine owne Lawes in them, ſo that thou maiſt reade thine owne hand, acknowledge thine owne ſeale, and ſo paſſe by vs, when thou ſhalt bring thy iudgement vpon the face of the earth, for the iniquities therof, wherof thou haſt giuen, and ſtyll giueſt from time to time diuers tokens, which we beſeeche thée maye be profytable vnto vs, whylſt firſt of all we acknowledge thy hand ſtryking vs, and thy counſell calling vs thereby to repentaunce, that thy heauyer iudgementes do not fall vpon vs to our vtter deſtruction.

Moreouer, we thanke thée (O Lorde) for that it hath pleaſed thée to be the watchmã, and as it were the ſpye of this Churche and Common wealth, and haſt foreſeene all the ſtormes, and treaſons comming againſt it, & againſt thine annointed our Soueraigne,

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whom thou in mercy hast appoynted to rule ouer it, and hast scattered them and brought them to naught, and hast pursued certayne of thine enemies and ours vnto death, beseeching thee to continue this watchfull and carefull eye ouer vs, styll to do vs good, and to pursue the rest of thine enemies & ours vnto the graue: giuing notwithstanding repentaunce vnto them, vnto whome thou hast left place of repentaunce. And to this ends, rayse vp the hearts of our most gratious Queene and her honorable Counsel thy Magistrates, that as they syt in thy seate, and are called by thy Name, so they may execute thy iustice, which thou so well approuest of, where also thou wylt requyre a strayght accoumpt at their handes. We desire thee also to shew these thy Graces to all other Churches of thine, namely thy church of Scotlande, that it may enioy that peace that thou hast giuen it, and graunt that the same be referred to the ende wherefore thou hast giuen it; namely, to the full establishment of the throne of thy deare Sonne our Sauiour Iesus Christe, and to the buylding of his Kingdome there. We beseeche thee also for the Churches, which thy hande hath planted long since: especiallie those, from

whome wée haue receyued knowledge in tyme of our ignorannce, places of refuge in time of persecution: that it would please thée to continue thy louing kindnesse towardes them, and therefore cause them to continue their faith towardes thée, and obedience towards thy holy Worde. And whensoeuer it shall be thy pleasure, to trye them with any kinde of affliction, it woulde please thée to graunt vnto them, that they may put their trust in thée, hauing regard to the trueth of thy promises, and to the good experience that they haue of thy help in times past, & therby conceyue comfort and hope (O Lorde) euen of lyfe in death, & of Saluation in destruction. We praye thée also (good Lorde) that we may haue the féeling of the myseries of our Brethren, as members of the same body, and those that lyue by the same Spirite. And therefore we pray thée, that according to the manifold troubles that thou shalt visite them with, it woulde be thy good pleasure, to measure out thy grace in such plentifull manner, that thy children may patiently beare, and ioyfully attend, for the good howre wherein thou wylt pull them out of all their troubles. And especially, we pray thy Maiestie for our Brethren that are afflicted

flicted for thy Gospell sake: namely, those that suffer imprisonment or otherwyse in any Nation, for the clearer testimony of it: that it woulde please thée to giue them patience in all their troubles, wisdome and mouthes to defende thy cause, against all those that rise vp against it, that thou wouldest blesse their trauels & sufferings for that for which they are taken: which is, to giue a freer course of thy Gospell into all places. And therewithall wée beseeche thée for the Churches of Fraunce & Flaunders, which are so miserably racked and torne in sunder, and which are almost consumed with these fierie tryalles: that it woulde please thee to loke vppon their sighinges and groninges, the teares that fall from their eyes continually, the blood that is shed in all partes of the Lande, the bodyes that lye vnburyed, to be meate to the Fowles of the ayre, & Fyshes of the Sea, the lonenesse of Wiues lacking their Husbands, children their Fathers, and euerie frende his frende. And for asmuch as those things are come vpon them for thy names sake: let it be thy good pleasure to helpe them, considering that they are forsaken of all their frendes rounde about: and therefore praye thée that thou wouldest not

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loke vpon our sinnes, nor the sinnes of our Forefathers, whereby we deserue not onlie this correction, but vtter destruction, as Sodom & Gomorra: but rather loke vpon thy mercies which were before them, whereby thou hast sayde, that although we do offend, and thou dost correct vs, yet thou wylt not take away thy mercies from vs, but wylt leaue a remnaunt which thou wylt multyplie, and make as the Starres of the Heauen, and as the sandes of the Sea. Loke also (O Lord) vpon the outrageousnesse and cruelties, vnfaythfulnesse, and blasphemy of the enemies, wherewithall they blaspheme thée, and prouoke thée to thy face, and therefore in thine owne cause, and for thine owne sake, take the matter into thine owne handes, and paye into the bosome of thine enemies double and treble of that they haue giuen to thée. Notwithstanding, those amongst them, that belong to thine holy election, hasten their calling, that afterwardes thy iudgement may hasten vpon the earth, and the inhabitaunts thereof may learne to know thée by thy iudgementes, that would not vnderstande and come to thée, by the louing calling of the Gospell. We praye thée (O Lord) for our brethren that are vp in

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armes in bothe thole countreyes: that thou wouldeſt goe before them, and come behinde them, and on euery ſide of them: couer their heads in the day of battel, teach their hands to fight, & their fingers to warre, giue them wiſdome and valiantneſſe, and good ſucceſſe in all their enterpriſes, ſtryke a dyſtineſſe & maze of ſpirite into their enemies hearts, and take away from them all force, and diſappoynt all their counſels. And vpon our brethren in Flaunders, we beſeeche thée ỹ thou wouldeſt comfort them ouer al the troubles that they haue receyued, and breaches that haue bene made in vpõ them: & where there are new forces euerie day gathered, new ſleyghts inuented to deſtroye them: it may pleaſe thée to ſcatter their forces, and bring their ſleyghts to nothing. Yea graũt alſo (O Lorde) that that which they haue deuiſed againſt thy chyldren, may come vpon their owne heades. And for our Brethren in Fraunce, we beſeeche thée (O Lorde) what ſtreyght ſo euer they be in, thou wouldeſt deliuer them, and although they be forſaken in the iudgement of all the world, & in their owne iudgements, notwithſtanding, thou ỹ haſt the iſſues of death in thine own hands, delyuer thoſe that are appoynted to death.

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And finally, we moſt humbly thanke thée, for that it hath pleaſed thée to kéepe vs this day, and all the dayes & tymes of our liues: beſéeching thée, that thou wouldeſt receyue vs this night into thy holy kéeping, that we may haue quiet reſt, not of bodies alone, but of our Soules alſo, reſting from all thoſe thinges that are contrarie to thy holy wyll, attending whyle thou rayſeſt vs vp in the morning, to do all thoſe thinges ý thou haſt appoynted vs. Theſe thinges we deſyre of thée, & all other things (which thou knoweſt to be more néedefull for vs, and thy whole Church, better then we our ſelues do know) for Jeſus Chriſtes ſake: ſaying the ſame prayer, that he him ſelfe hath taught vs.

Our Father which art, &c.

A Prayer for the Queene.

OGratious Lord, and moſt mercifull Father, we acknowledge thée the Lorde of Lordes, and the King of Kinges, creating at the beginning, and ruling all thinges euermore in heauen and earth, according to thy wonderfull wiſedome and power: and our ſelues to be thy poore ſeruauntes, the worke of thy handes, and the ſhéepe of thy paſture, ſubiected to thy Maieſtie, and depending

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vpon thy fatherly prouidence for all things. Neuertheleſſe, ſeeing thou in thy wiſedome annoynteſt Kinges & Quéenes, appoynting thē to rule ouer thy people, to ſit as Lieuetenauntes in thy ſeate, to miniſter iuſtice, & moſt of all, as Fathers & Nurſes to mayntaine and cheriſh thy Church: commaūding vs not onlie to obey and honour them: but moreouer to pray for them, as watching ouer vs for our good. We therfore beſéeche thée for thy great mercies ſake, and for Jeſus Chriſtes ſake, to ſhewe thy mercie to all Kinges and Princes, that mayntayne thy glorious Goſpel: but eſpecially we pray thée to bleſſe our gratious Quéene, in all ſpirituall bleſſinges in Chriſte Jeſus, and in all temporall bleſſinges, according to thy good pleaſure, that in the great meaſures of thy effectuall Loue, ſhe may more & more finde great increaſes of vertue, and wiſdome, and ſtrength in Chriſte Jeſus, to the faithfull & happy diſcharge of her dutie, that her holyneſſe, and ioye, and zeale of thy houſe may be multiplied and euerlaſting.

And ſéeing it hath pleaſed thée, of thy ſinguler mercy, to giue her this ſpeciall honor, firſt to ſuffer for thy glorious trueth, and afterwarde myraculouſly delyuering her out

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of the hands of her enemies, to set a Crown vpon eer heade, and to make her the instrument to aduaunce thy glory and gospell, for which she suffered, & to bring it out of darknesse into lyght, out of persecution into this great and long peace. As we giue thee most hartie thankes for this singuler benefite, so we beseeche thee to make her & vs euermore thankfull for it, and in thy good pleasure still to preserue her for the continuaunce of these blessings towards vs, with al increase from tyme to tyme, to thy glory, the benefit of the Church, & her infinite peace in Christ Iesus the Prince of Peace. And furthermore, we pray thee for her, and the estate, that such as be enemies of the Gospel, & her enemies also, for the defence therof, may not despise the peace offered them to repentaunce, but that they may accoumpt thy long suffering, & her peaceable and vnbloodie gouernment, an occasion of saluation to their soules, and vnfeygned loue to the trueth, & their mercifull souereigne. Otherwise if they still remayne disobedient to the trueth, disobedient to her highnesse, & daungerous to the state, then (O God of our Saluation) as thou hast discouered them, so discouer them still, as thou hast preuented them, so preuent them still, & let

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their eyes ware weary with loking, & their hearts faynt with wayting for the cõming of that, which yet commeth not, neythey let it come (O Lord) we beseech thée, but a blessed, and a long reigne to her, & peace to Sion for euermore.

Also (deare Father) so blesse, so loue, so in thy Spirite sanctifie and kéepe her, that thée may in the Spirite of counsell and fortitude so rule that other sister also, namely this her Common wealth, that they may florish together, & grow by together as Palme trées, in beauty, and in strength, giuing ayde and helpe one to another, that in the Church the glory of God may appeare, as the Sunne in his brightnesse, & that ý land may flow with Milke & Hony, and true peace abound therein, as in the triumphant reigne of Debora.

These graces (O Lord) are great, and we myserable sinners, vnworthy of the least of them: therfore loke not to vs but to thy self, not to our iniquities but to thy great mercies, accepting the death and passion of thy Sonne, as a full raunsome for all our offences: throwing them into the bottome of the Sea, and making his crosse and resurrection effectuall in vs to all obedience & godlinesse, as becommeth thy Saints, that to all other

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thy good blessings toward our gratious Soueraigne: this may be added, that she gouerneth blessedly, ouer a blessed people, a people blessed of the Lord, and beloued of the Lord, and that thy graces may abound as the waters of the Sea, in the Prince and in the people, in the Church, and in the common wealth, from day to day, tyll the day of our translation into thy kingdom, where iustice inhabiteth, where also we shall inhabite and reygne with thee, according to thy promise for euer. Graunt these thinges (O mercifull Father) for thy deare Sõne our Lord Iesus Christe his sake, in whose name we craue them at thy merciful hand, praying furthermore for them, as he hath taught them to pray. Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

¶ A Prayer for mortification and holineſſe.

LOrde our God, moſt gratious and moſte mercifull, I doo acknowledge before thee, that I am vnworthy to appeare before thy high Maieſtie, to offer vp vnto thee a ſacrifice of prayer, being full of ſinne, and corruption, naturally glad of euill, and vnprofitable to good: Yea, being ſo miſerable, yet I ſee not my miſerie, I feele it not, I bewaile it not, as I ought to doe, but multiply mine iniquities, prouoking thy iuſte iudgement againſt mee, My zeale is colde, my loue feeble, my exerciſes of Religion fainte and fewe, and I take no way but that which leadeth from euill to worſe, and finallie, would leade me from ſinne, to the rewarde of ſinne. All this is true, deere Father, yet my hart is not moued with feare: all this is true, yet I do not ſorrow for it, but walk with ioy, where I muſt (if I continue) reape affliction;

Therefore be mercifull vnto me & bleſſe me, be mercifull vnto me, and in Chriſt Jeſus waſh away all my iniquities: be mercifull vnto me, and create in me a new hart, and prepare it to prayer, and to thy holy ſeruice: for thou alone, O Lord, art my hope, and the mighty God of my ſaluation. Thou haſt giuen me a deſire to ſerue thée, O teache me that I may do it: & the good worke which thou haſt begun, make it perfect in me, that I may no more loue wickednes, and follow vanitie: but that my good deſires in thée may be increaſed, and all of them accompliſhed: ſo ſhall I prayſe thée, and magnifie thée for euer. For there is no honour but thy honour, no glory but thy glory, O Lord: it is in vaine to truſt in Princes, but truly to truſt in the Lorde bringeth plentifull ſaluation. From age to age it hath appeared, ỹ thou O Lord God, art mercifull, & that in thy courtes there is nothing but trueth & holineſſe. This worlde is full of vanitie, full of pride, full of rebellion, and the fleſh alſo. The world hath many baits to deſtruction, and the fleſh doth delight in them: they are ſworne together to betraye vs

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to Sathan, yea, we betraye our selues: therefore, déere Father, by the Crosse of Christ mortify in vs the déeds of ỹ flesh, and crucifie in vs the déedes of the flesh, and crucifie bothe vs to the world, & the world to vs, that our soules may liue. In our general calling make vs obediẽt to serue thée in holynesse and in righteousnesse all the dayes of our lyfe: in our perticular callings, also make vs faithfull, that we maye neyther put away a good conscience, nor make shipwracke of faith. I beléeue, O Lord helpe my vnbeléefe: in the day of peace and prosperity make vs sober: in the day of trouble and aduersitie make vs to looke vp, & chéerefully to wayte and trust in thée for our deliueraũce, that our enimies mouthes may be stopped by our godlie cõuersatiõ & their hartspricked with zeale to turne vnto thée. Neither do I pray O lord for my self alone, but for ỹ whole body into ỹ which I am grafted by Christe Jesus: that is for thy Church O God, for thine inheritãce, that thou wouldest increase it from one end of the world to another, that all Natiõs may worship before thy footestoole. Especially, O Lord, I pray for them that profesle thy Gospell, as

for this our Nation, that thou wouldest be mercifull vnto it, turning our harts to thée: For our gracious Soueraigne the Quéene, and for all her Councell, that thou wouldest powre thy graces vpon them to the discharge of their duty and our peace: for all the holy Teachers in the Church, that thou wouldst blesse thē and their labours: for the peace and full beauty of this Church: for the peace and wealth of the Commō-wealth. We pray thée also for to blesse al the meanes to bring this to passe. Also we pray thée for our Parents, for al others to whom we owe especiall loue or seruice: but principally wee beséeche thée to shewe thy compassion vpon all that are in persecution for thy gospell: O Lorde increase and renue their strength, giue them victorye, and turne their aduersaries harts, if they appertaine to thy holy election: otherwise, O Lorde bring vpon thē the confusion that they would bring vpon others, & into the pit ỹ they haue digged, let them fall and neuer rise vp againe. O Lorde, heare vs in these sutes: pardon our dull spirites: in prayer, and giue vs these and al other graces

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nédefull fo2 vs, and the Church to thy glo2ye, fo2 our Lo2de Jesus Chzisse, in whose name as he hath taught vs, so we p2aye saying: Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

¶ A shorte Prayer for the Morning.

WE giue thee thankes, O Lo2d our God, in the name of Jesus Chzisse, fo2 the quiet rest and slépe, which thou hasse bestowes vpon vs this night passe, fo2 the p2eseruation of our bodies. Also, we thanke thée fo2 those greater graces of our creation, of our redemption, of our calling in the gospell, and fo2 thy great patience in tarying so long fo2 our repentaunce: beséeching thée to giue vs this grace also among the rest, that we maye vse all other graces to thy glo2ye and our saluation. And nowe O Lo2de, séeing thou hast rennes the light of the daie vpon vs, renewalso, we p2ay thée, the light of thy countenaunce towards vs, to open our eyes, that we may haue

ſences exerciſed in putting a difference betweene light and darknes, betweene earthly thinges and heauenly thinges, betweene true obedience and hypocriſie, that hauing of thee this wiſedome, wee may, by thy power eſchew the euyl, and follow the good conſtantly and patiently. For which cauſe, ſtretch foorth thy hand, O God, to leade and keepe vs this day in thy wayes, that we may doo all thinges in a holy zeale of thy glory, and in godly loone to our brethren. And as this day addeth ſomewhat to our age, ſo let thy holy ſpirit adde therin ſomwhat to our knowledge & fayth, that ſo growing in the meaſures of his grace, wee may ſerue thee in holineſſe and righteouſnes this day, and all the dayes of our life. Graunt theſe thinges, O deere Father, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, in whoſe name, we praye furthermore, ſaying. Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

A Prayer before ſleepe.

O Lord GOD moſt gratious and moſte holie, we thy poore ſeruauntes beſeeche thee for Jeſus Chriſt,

Christ, to accept this our poore euening Sacrifice of prayer and thanksgeuing: which nowe we offer vp to thee, giuing thee most hartie thankes, for thy loue towarde vs, this day paste, in keeping vs from the punishment of our sinnes, that might iustlye haue beene layde vpon vs, and in feeding our bodyes with sweete foode, and our harts with gladnesse, shewing thyselfe not onely the Author, but also the cherisher and maintayner of our lyfe, we being vnworthy of the least of all thy benefits. But pardon our vnworthynesse, O Lord, throwe all our sinnes into the bottom of ỹ Sea, which we this day, or at any other time haue committed against thee; and continue thy loue towards vs euermore, and namely this night: wherein although bodily darknesse be fallen vpon vs, yet keepe vs from the spiritual darkenesse of sinne and ignorance: and though we craue quiet sleepe for our bodyes, yet we beseeche thee that our mindes neuer rest nor sleepe, but that they wayte and watch on thee continually. Keepe them in good meditations, free from all vayne dreames, & other offences, that waking &

sleeping wee maye be thine, made and imployed to the setting forth of thy honour and glorie, in all holy obedience, through Jesus Christ our lord, in whose name we praye further as he hath taught vs. Our father, &c.

A Prayer against the secrete venim, and great daunger of prosperitie.

O Lorde, prepare my hart to wisdome, prepare it to prayer, and teach my soule to feele all the daungers wherewith it is beset on euery side: and graunt good Father, that I may not praye in words or in sound of speache, but in spirite and faith, I acknowledge to thee, Oh Lord, thy great mercies toward me at this time: for beside the vnspeakeable graces of my redemption and of my holy calling in the gospell (which are euermore good) thou hast giuen me a large measure of earthly blessinges, my Table is richly and daintely furnished, my Cuppe ouerfloweth, mine enimies are chased awaye, and I feele no want, no affliction, no sorrowe: My prosperitie leadeth me,

as by the hande, from one delight to an other, and from one pleasure to an other. In the morning peace is at my right hande, and at night quietnesse at my lefte. Oh Lorde are not these thy blessings? Hast not thou opened thy mercifull hande, and fylled me with all these comfortes? true it is O Lord, that they come all from thée, and for them I am indebted vnto thée, & giue thée great thankes. But alas, Lord, I finde by experience that prosperity, (such is our infirmity,) carieth vs too too farre away, it feedeth vs so from day to day, and from time to time, with new delights, it ingendreth also secretly such peace and confidence in these thinges, which are but as a reed to leane vpon, that we are caryed away, we forget not thée only, but our selues also. But y day of aduersitie, the daye of sickenesse, the days of trouble, that layeth open our weakenesse, it causeth much care to bée released, it prouoketh many prayers for reliefe. Oh it is a happy day, a day of returning to the Lorde, a daye of repentaunce, as in Sackecloath and Ashes. Oh how may my soule praise the daye

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of affliction, wherein I called vpon the name of the Lorde, and hee heard me, and I found that his rod comforted me. Neuertheleſſe, Oh good Lorde conſider and helpe: two dayes of health take away the fruite of many dayes of ſickneſſe, we are as men Seaſick, that comming on the ſhore: preſently returne to ioy and mirth, and forget both daungers on the Sea, and daungers on the lande. So came it to paſſe frō age to age in thy people of Iſraell, being tyed faſt in miſery & iron, they called vpō thee & receiued mercy, being deliuered they ſone turned back like a bow, & became dronken with proſperity. When thy face was againſt them, thy anger was kindled, & they caſt into affliction againe: but in their miſeries they renued their praiers, and thou diddeſt renew thy grace: but new proſperitie brought new rebellion, and new rebellion new punishmentes, and new punishmentes new converſation. The houſe of mirthe was to them, and is to all a bayte to wantonneſſe, but in the houſe of ſorrow a prouocation of humility and prayer; proſperity is as a cuppe of wine mingled with poiſon, as a bedde

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of securitie, and a waye to destruction. Therefore Oh Lorde with the fulnesse of earthly thinges, giue me also the fulnesse of spirituall things, that I forget thée not in vanity of life, or in the false delights of sinfull flesh. O keepe my hart that it be not made dronken with prosperitie: but graunt me in soberneſſe to vse thy blessings to thy glory, and to the reliefe of my brethren: and when I reioyce, not to reioice in these base things, (for that reioycing is euil) but to reioice in thée, turning my mirth frō wanton daunces, frō vaine Songes, from other carnal delights, to exercises of religion, to helpes of knowledge, and singing of psalmes with melody to thée in myhart. Finally O Lord séeing ẏ in this earthly prosperitie there is so great abuse and so present daunger, for want of grace to vse them. Oh Lorde teache me the true vse of them, that I may not set my hart theron, but in thée, giuing thée thankes for them: & labouring with all diligence through thy grace in Iesus Christ that they be not through my wickednes turned into curses. As Salomon teacheth Wisdome, to take heede of an Harlot,

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so teach me to take heede of vaine pleasures in worldy matters, that I be not bewitched with prosperitie, and forget thee, bathing my selfe in pleasures and neuer setting thee before mine eyes. O mercifull father worke this in me that I may be ritch in good works: þ I may haue, as not hauing, that I may vse the world, as not abusing it, but vsing it to thy glory in Christ Iesus, who with thee & the holy ghost be blessed for euer. Amē.

A Prayer before Child-birth.

ALL thy waies are iust, oh deere father, & thy iudgements are true altogether. For worthily doth mā liue in the sweat of his face, & the womā bring forth childrē with much paine & trauaile, & with great daūger. Yea O mercifull Father, this paine is not a sufficient punishmēt for þ grieuous transgressiōs wherwith we and our forefathers haue transgressed thy most holy wyl. Thy punishment is in respect of our demerites to small, but in respect of our weaknesse, to great for vs, without thee to endure. Wherefore as I acknowledge O merciful father

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this trauaile in Child-birth, which now approcheth, to be a iust reward of my manifold sinnes, so I acknowledge also thy ready arme of defence, stretched out ouer me and ouer al them that cal vpon thée in faith. Graunt therfore, O deare Father, that I may in faith, pray and waite for that time of my trauaile patientlye, that I may indure it, when it shall be present, constauntly and thankfullie: knowing that although I then fæle some taste of the reward of sinne, yet I fæle not al, and that little which I then fæle, thou dost presently reward with comfort & gladnesse, when a childe is born into the world. The which comfortable & glad issue graũt me, O Lord if it be thy good pleasure, and hauing receiued such fruit of my body: graunt me moreouer wisdome & strength to bring it vp in thy feare, and to trauaile (as it were) againe with it, till it be borne againe into a heauẽly life, to the glory of thy holy name, and my greater ioy: that so it may finally in Christ Iesus be partaker of those blessings which thou dost plentifully raine downe vpon the faithfull, & their sæde for euer. And because I

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am not woorthy to presēt this my suite to thy heauenly Maiestie of my selfe, a most wretched & sinful womā, I offer it in the name, in ỳ righteousnes, & in the strength of my Lorde & Sauiour Iesus Christ, praying furthermore as he teacheth vs to pray. Our Father. &c.

Ephe. 5. 14 ¶ Awake thou ỳ slæpest, & stād vp from the dead, & Christ shall giue thée light.

Mat. 5. 16 Let our light so shine before men, that they may sée our good workes, and glorifie our Father which is in heauen.

Psa. 45. 6. *Psa. 17. 17.* We will sing of thy power, and will prayse thy louing kindnesse betimes in the morning, for thou hast bene euer our strength, our refuge, our defence, & our most mercifull Lord.

A Prayer for the Morning.

WE yéeld vnto thée, our most hartie thankes, O heauenly father, for that ỳ hast deliuered vs from all perils and daungers of this night, and brought vs safe to the beginning of this day: we beseech thée that thou wilt in the same, & euer hereafter receaue vs into thy defence & protection:

tection: & as thou hast remoued ỹ darknesse of the night, restored the light of ỹ Sunne and raised vs frō sléepe: so thou wouldst vouchsafe also to remoue from vs, the inward darkenesse of ignorauce, to rayse vs from the sleepe of sinne, and to lighten our mindes with the beauēly beames of thy mosse holy spirite, & with the knowledge of thy déere sonne our sauiour Iesu Christe, the true light of the world, that we eschewing the works of darknesse, maye guide the steppes of our lyues after the light of thy holye worde, walking comly as the children of lyght, in holinesse and righetousnesse, as in the day, and in thy sight: and in the end may come vnto that mosse blessed eternall light, which thou doost inhabit, the same thy sonne our sauiour Iesu Christ being our guide therevnto. To whome with thee & the holy Ghost, one God of mosse glorious maiesty, be all honour and glorie worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ O God, who commaundeth the lyght to shyne out of darkenesse, shyne in our hartes, and giue vs the lyghte of the knowledge of thy glorye, in the face of Iesus Christ. 2. Cor. 4.

Open

Act.1.5.6 Open our eyes that wee maye bee turned from darkenesse to light, and from the power of Sathan, vnto thee our God.

Acts.1.8. That we maye receyue forgiuenesse of sinnes, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faithe, that is, toward thy Sonne Iesus Christ.

An other Euening prayer.

ALmightie God, who as thou hast made the day for labour & trauaile, so hast thou created ỹ night for the rest & refreshing of our wearied bodies and mindes: wee most humbly beseeche thée, that as the night darkeneth & shadoweth all things: so thou wouldst for thy déere sonne Iesu Christs sake, hide our sinnes, remouing them from thy sight, putting away the memorie of thē by eternal oblivion, that as our bodies shall haue the rest of sléepe, so also our minds by hope of thy mercie, may enioye the rest of a quiet

conscience: and so being wholy refreshed, wee maye awake and ryse vnto thy seruice the next day, and all the dayes of our lyfe: And whe death it selfe shall come (from the which it is as easie for thee to rayse vs, as from bodily slẽpe) we maye rest in hope of that most ioyfull resurrection, wherin our bodies shal awake vnto the euerlasting day, which shall neuer be interrupted with any darknesse: when we shalbe made partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light, in that most blessed Cittie, the heauenly Jerusalem: where shall be no vse of Candell, neyther of the Sunne, nor of the Moone, to lyghten it: for the glory of God shall lyghten it, and thy Sonne the Lambe shall be our eternall lyght. Vnto the which most glorious light, and kingdome of thy owne Sonne we beseech thee bring vs, for the same our sauiour Jesus Christes sake: vnto whome with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour and glory nowe and for euer.

Amen.

A Prayer.

ALmighty GOD, syth thou of thine infinite mercye, hast not onely admitted vs, but also taught, yea and commaunded by thy onely and deere Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christe (that we trusting in his merites and protection, he beeing our intercessor) should beleeue that thou art a louing Father vnto vs, and that we should also call thee Father: Giue vs we beseech thee that wee maye haue in our hearts, sure trust (without feare) of thy fatherly loue, and that we maye with glad minde, call thee Father, knowledge, loue, and crie on thee in all ieoparties, giue vnto vs an agreeing & brotherly loue, so that we may perceaue euerie one of vs, that we are truly, brothers and sisters, and may pray to thee as to our common and most merciful Father, euery one for other, euen as kinde children entreate their Father one for another. Graunt that none of vs seeke that which is his owne, or else forget other in thy sight: but that (auoyding all

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hate, enuie, and ontention, as it becommeth the true children of God) wee maye loue together with due fauour. Teache vs to regarde none other thing then our soule health, & the euerlasting heritage, so that this temporal countrey and worlolie heritage (which cõpasseth and noyeth vs, labouring to make vs earthlie, and lyke vnto it selfe) deceyue vs not, so that we say truely, and with a faithfull heart. O our heauenly father, giue vs thy grace that wee maye be thy heauenly chyldren, and graunt vs that in all peryls, we may call vppon thy name without ceasing: graunt that by our sinnes no man maye take occasion to sclaunder thy name: giue vs before all thinges, true and constaunt faith in Christ, hope without feare in thy mercie, against all infyrmities of our weake conscience, and pure loue towards thee, and all men: keepe vs from infidelity, desperation, & mallice, so that wrath or any other bytternesse, haue not his kingdome in vs, lyghten mine eyes, least I sleepe, or be wearie in the good lyfe once begunne: graunt that thy kingdome which shall come, maye finishe and performe this kingdome which is begunne

by thée. Make vs desire the other lyfe to come, giue vs grace not to feare death: but rather to desyre it, and to be with Christ. Endew vs with thy grace that we may gladly suffer all diseases, pouerty, despisings, persecutiõs, crosse and aduersities: knowledging that it is thy wyll to crucifie our wyll. Make vs that we quite not euill for euill, neither to auoide violence, by violence, and that we impute it not to the deuill or euil men, when any aduersitie commeth: but vnto thy godlie will, without whome a Sparrow falleth not on the ground. Make that all our members, eyes, tongue, hart, hands and feete, be not suffred to folow their desires, neyther that we be at any tyme subdued vnder them. Teach vs to vnderstand, that no man may hurt vs, except he do him selfe much more hurt in thy sight, so that we maye be moued rather to weepe for his blessednesse, then to thinke of auengement, giue vs grace that we reioice not in their trouble, which haue resisted our wyll or hurt vs, and also that we be not sorie when they prosper and haue welfare. O heauenly father giue vs this grace, that the lyfe of Christe his

worde,

woorde, workes, and passions, maye be preached, knowne and holden, both of vs and of all the worlde. Giue vs grace that in our passions and aduersities, we maye cõfort our selues by his passion & Crosse, and that we maye with a stable fayth, ouercome our death by his death, and followe without feare this noble Captaine into an other life. Teach vs by thy grace to thinke and haue in minde truelie (and as we ought to do) the passion of Christ, and to ioyne it happilie with our life, so that we may come & attayne some thing, though it be but the shadowe of it. Finallie, giue vs our daylie bread, that Christe in vs, and we in Christe may dwell perpetualie, and maye worthely beare this name, sith of Christe we are called Christians. Giue the peace into our hearts, that we reioyning, maye looke for thy iudgement and glorious comming of Iesus Christe in the clowdes, to whome is giuen all Iudgement in Heauen and in earth. Teach vs, deare Father, not to sticke or be comforted in our good workes or deseruinges, but to submit our selues faithfully to thine incomparable mercy. Againe, make that we despayre not for

this our guiltie and sinfull life, but that we may iudge thy mercie more mightie and stronger then our lyfe, how so euer we haue ordered it, so that we refreshed by the sure trust & confidence of thy mercie in the bottome of our heart, may liue, die, suffer & take all thinges patiently. Make that we resist and fight against this superfluitie of meate, drinke, sleepe, slouth, and idlenesse. Make that we may bring our olde Adam into bondage and subiection, with fasting, temperate diet, clothing, sleepe, rest, watch, and labour, so that he may be meete and apte to good workes. Make that when we heare any glad or pleasant thing, or feele any sweete thing, that we seeke not therein our delight and pleasure, but thy praise and glorie. Keepe vs that the false subtilties of this worlde, the counterfeite brightnesse and entycementes of the same, perswade vs not to followe it. Graunt vs by thy grace to possesse our soules with patience in all our afflictions. Finally, fulfill vs all with thy grace, that in this miserable & perillous lyfe, (which is compassed with so many continuall enimies that never cease) we may fight boldely with stable and constaunt

staynt faith, and obtaine the euerlasting crowne. O Father deliuer vs from sudaine death: kéepe vs from hunger, dearth and warre: kéepe vs from all euyll and perilles of the body to thy glory & our saluation. Graũt vs good Lord that all these prayers may be obtayned of vs without any doubt, neyther suffer ỹ we mistrust any thing, but that in all these thinges we shall be heard: yea, be heard alreadye. And let all these things be sure and without any doubt, so may we with glad heart saye. Amen. That is to saye, stable, constaunt, true and sure.

Of Faith.

FYrst déere brethren, ye ought to give diligent héede that you maye purelie vnderstand what Faith is, & what fruits procéede out of her, and to conclude the summe in fewe wordes: Faith is a sure perswasion and full knowledge, that God for his truoth and righteousnes sake, wil fulfill such promises as he hath made vnto vs, of his mercy and favour, in his holie Testament, which sure perswasion

must be giuen from God. 1. Corin. 12. For it can not be gotten but by Gods power, neyther yet retayned. Therefore with feare & trembling perfourme that health, which is begunne in you, for it is God that worketh in you bothe the wyll, and also the deede, euen at his owne pleasure, and see that with all meekenesse ye submit your selues vnto the vocatiõ of God, not seeking the lybertie of the flesshe, neyther yet despising good workes, and the Spirite of God which resteth in a faithfull man helpeth our infirmity, and fighteth without intermission against sinne, the deuill, and the world.

The power of Faith.

The power of Faith is to iustifie vs, that is to despoile vs frõ al our vices, and laye them on Christes backe (which hath pacified the fathers wrath towardes vs) and to endue vs with an others righteousnes, that is Christes, so that I and all my sinnes are Christes, & Christ with all his vertues are mine: For he was borne for vs, & giuen vnto vs. Esa. 9, Ro. 8. To obtaine this righteousnesse, God the

Father

Father requyreth nothing of vs, but that we beleeue on him, and make him no lyar. Hee that beleeueth that God of his mercy hath made vs these promises, and that for his trueth sake, he will fulfill them: he setteth too his seale that God is true, but he ỳ beleeueth not, or doubteth of this (as much as in him is) he maketh God a lyar. 1. Iohn. 5. For why shouldest thou doubt in him, except thou thoughtest that he were a lyar, and would not kepe his promise which he made. Now if thou compt God (which is the very trueth) to be a lyar: art not thou worthy of a thousand dampnations?

The worke of Faith.

FAith worketh by Charitie, for when my raging Conscience which feeleth her sinne, is pacified and set at one with God through faith: then remembring the feruent loue of God towardes me, I can not but loue my neighbour againe. For there is no man that hartely loueth the Father, and can hate the Sonne, and although the sonne be naught & vnthrifty: yet for his Fathers sake, he will helpe to

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better him, and euen lament and be sorie for the sonnes wickednesse. Lykewise, if we hartely loue God for his infinite benefites done vnto vs: then can we not hate that creature, which hée hath made after his owne likenesse, whome God the Father loueth so tenderlie, that he gaue his owne Sonne vnto ỹ death to redéeme him: yea, and whome hée hath adopted through Christ to be his Sonne & heyre. Nowe albeit we sée no kindnesse in this man for which we should loue him: yet hath God shewed vs kindnes enough, for the which we ought to loue him and succour him at all times. Let vs therefore loue him for the loue that God the Creatour hath shewed vs, & beare his infirmitie: if he fall, let vs lyft him vp againe and endue him with our wisdome and all our workes, euen as Christe hath done with vs. And this is an euident token that thou louest God, when thou louest thy brother. 1. Iohn. 4. And séekest all meanes to helpe him. These are the good workes that follow faith, and are euident tokens that thy faith is right and pure. Thus séest thou how good workes flowe out of faith through charitie, and charitie

a loue, is the fulfilling of the whole laue. Roman. 13.

Good workes.

A Mong good workes, the chéefe are to be obedient in all things, vnto kings, Princes, Iudges, & such other Officers, as farre as they cõmaund Ciuill things, that is to say, such thinges as are indifferent and not contrary to the commaundements of God. For then must we rather obey God then men. Acts. 5. Although we should léese bothe our substaunce and lyfe thereto. To honour Rulers, to promote peace, to praye for the Commonaltie, and to applie all our studies to profite them. The next are to be obedient to Father and Mother, to prouide for housholde, bothe norishing our Family with bodely sustenaunce, and also to instruct them with the worde of God, and so to be theyr gouernour carnall and spirituall. Then must wée loke howe we ought to behaue our selues towardes our neyghbours, knowledging that all the giftes which are giuen vs of God, are not giuen vs for our owne selfe, but for the edifying

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of the congregation. 1. Cor. 12. And if we bestow them not on that maner, we shall surely giue a reckoning for them before the Lorde. Among these, ought we to haue respect vnto the Preachers and Ministers of the worde, that they maye be had in honour and well prouided for. And aboue all thinges good brethren, addresse your selues vnto that necessarie worke, Prayer. Remember to praye for all Estates, for that is a worke that Christe and his Apostles full dilligently exhorted all men vnto, promising them that they should obtaine theyr petitions. Iohn. 16. 1. Iohn. 4. If they be according to the will of God, and for his glory.

Whersoeuer is true faith, there is also repentance with it, there is hate of sinne, there is true feare, and againe, there is comfortablenesse of heart kindled by the holy ghost, a destre to further Gods glory among men: The duties of Charity (or to comprehend all in one word) true holinesse, which the fleshe fighteth against. This holinesse is not made perfect at an instaunt, but groweth all the time of a mans lyfe.

Labour for a liuelie sight and sense of

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heauenly thinges, and so shall no sight or sence of earthly thinges trouble your affections, further then you shall be able enough, with ease and pleasure to relinquishe and forsake them, whensoeuer Gods glorie shall requyre. Now this sight and sense of heauenlie thinges, is not otherwise then by fayth (or rather maketh an ende.) Therefore in all matters of Religion, and concerning saluation, leaue reason with Abraham as he did, and leaue your corporall sences with his seruauntes in the valley to be occupied in Ciuill thinges: If that you will clime up with Isaack into the hill of heauen, whether God our Father bring vs for his mercie sake. Amen.

¶ A Prayer.

ETernall God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christe, I giue to thee most hartie thankes, for that of thyne abundaunt mercie thou hast begotten me againe into a liuelie hope, by the resurrection of 1. Pet. 1.

Jesus

Jesus Christe from death, to an inherytance immortall and vndefiled, and that perisheth not, reserued in heauen for me, whome thou hast taken to be thy Childe of adoption by Jesus Christ: keepe me I beseiche thee by thy power, through faith vnto saluation: which saluatiō, is prepared already to be shewed in the last time. Wherein cause me O Lorde, to reioyce, though nowe for a season I am in heauinesse through manifolde temptations, that the tryall of my fayth beeing much more precious then the tryall of Golde that perisheth (and yet is tryed with fire) may be found to be laude, glory, and honour, at the appearing of Jesus Christe, whome though I haue not seene: worke by thy holy spirite I pray thee, that notwithstanding I maye loue constantlie, in whome euen nowe, though I see him not, yet settle my beleefe, that I may reioyce with ioye vnspeakeable and glorious, patiently abiding to receaue the end of my fayth: to wit, the saluation of my soule. Oyrde vp also, Lorde, the loyner of my minde, that I being sober and watchfull, maye trust perfectly on the grace, that is brought vnto me now, when Je-

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ſus Chriſte is manifeſtlie preached vnto
mée: that I do not (as becommeth a dis-
obedient childe) fashion my ſelfe to obeye
the luſtes of the fleſh, wherewith I was
carried heretofore through ignorance of
Chriſte, but that hauing my conuer-
ſation in the feare of GOD, I beſtowe
the remnaunt of myne dayes here in
newneſſe of lyfe: eſpecially, for that I
knowe, that I was not redeemed with
corruptible thinges, as ſyluer and golde,
from my vaine conuerſation: but with
the precious bloud of Chriſt, as of a lambe
vndefiled and without ſpot. And euen as
thou haddeſt ordeined thy Chriſt to be my
Sauior before the world was made, but
diddeſt make him knowen manifeſtlye in
theſe laſter tymes for our ſakes, which
through faith beleeue in thée, O moſt
mercifull Father. Euen ſo I beſeech thée
worke in me by the ſelfe ſame thy ſpirit,
that I may purifie my ſoule by the holie
Ghoſt in obeying the truethe, that with
brotherlye loue voyde of all fayning in a
pure heart, I may loue my neighbour
feruentlie. And that I being borne a
newe, not of a mortall ſeede, but of im-
mortal by the Worde of God, which liueth

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and lasteth for euer, may offer vp spiritual sacrifices, through the holy ghost, and acceptable to thée my onely God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶ An other Prayer.

Ephe. 2. ETernall God which hast highly exalted thy Sonne Jesus Christ, and hast giuen him a name, which is aboue euery name, that in the name of Jesus euery knée should bowe, of thinges in heauen and thinges in earth, & things vnder the earth: I bowe my knées vnto thée O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all the Familie in Heauen & earth is named: that thou wouldest graũt me, according to ẏ ritches of thy glory, to be strẽgthened with might by the spirit in the inner man: that Christe may dwell in my harte by faith: that I maye be rooted and grounded in loue: that I may be able to comprehend with al saints, what in the bredth, length, depth & height, of ẏ knowledge of Christes loue towards vs, which excelleth all knowledge: and that I may be fylled with all fulnesse of God: vnto thee that art able to do exceeding abounde

Ephe. 3.

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dantly aboue all ỹ I aske or think, accor-
ding to ỹ power ỹ worketh in me, be glo-
ry in ỹ Church by Christ Iesus throu-
out all ages, world without ende. Amen.

¶O God, most mercifull father, which *Hebr.1.*
in time paste at sundrie tymes, and in di-
uers manners spakest vnto the Fathers
in the Prophetes, and hast in these dayes
spoken vnto vs in thy sonne, whom thou
hast appoynted heyre of all thinges, by
whom also thou madest the worlds, who
beeing the brightnesse of thy glorie, & the
very Image of thy substaunce, vpholding
all thinges with the worde of his power,
hauing by him selfe purged our sinnes,
sate on the right hand of the Maiestie on
high: to whome thou sayedst, thou art my
Sonne, this daye haue I begotten thee:
This daye begette me againe, I beseeche *Titus.3.*
thee, instructing mee from aboue by that
same grace, which appeared healthfull to
all men, ỹ I denying vngodlines & filthy
lustes, may liue soberly, godly, & iustly in
this present world, looking for that bles-
sed hope & appearaunce of the glory of the
great God, & our Sauiour Iesus Christ,
who liueth & reigneth with thée in ỹ vni-
ty of the holy ghost for euer & euer. Amē.

O Lord my heauenly Father, almighty and euerlasting God, which hast safely brought mee to the beginning of this daye, defend mee in the same with thy mighty power, and graunt that this day I fall into no sinne, neither run into any kinde of daunger, but that all my doings maye be ordered by thy gouernaunce, to do alwayes that is righteous in thy sight through Iesus Christe our Lord. Amen. Into thy handes, O Lord, I commende Elizabeth our Quéene, all her faythfull Councellors, namely. N.N. my selfe wholie, my Wife, Children, and whole Family, and thy vniuersal Church: for thou hast redéemed vs, O Lord our God.

Ephe.1. O God of our Lord Iesus Christe, the Father of glorie, giue me the spirite of wisedome & reuelation by the knowledge of thée: and lighten the eyes of my minde, ỳ I may know the hope whereunto thou hast called mée: howe ritche the glory of thine enheritaunce is in thy Saints: and what is the exceéding greatnesse of thy power to vs warde, which beléeue according to the mightie power, which thou wroughtest in Christ, when thou raisedst him from the dead: and diddest set him on thy

thy right hande in heauenlynesse. Quicken me also being deade by sinne, & raise me vp with him: & cause me to sit in heauenlynesse with Christ Jesus, by whome most bountifull father, all honour and praise be to thee, and the holy ghost nowe and euer. Amen. *Ephe. 3.*

¶ Almightie God and moste mercifull Father: seeing we haue lybertie to enter into holy places in the blood of Jesus by the newe and liuing waye which he hath prepared for vs, through the vayle: that is to say his flesh: worke I beseech thee by thy holy spirite, that I drawe nigh vnto a true harte, in assuraunce of faith: that I being sprinkled in my harte from an euyll conscience, and washed in body with a pure water, maye holde the profession of the Hope without wauering, (for he is faythfull that promised:) and that I may consider my brethren, prouoking them vnto loue and good workes, not forsaking the assembling of our selues together, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, for that I see the daye approching: suffer me not therefore to caste away my confidence, which hath great recompence of rewarde: For I

haue great néede of patience, that after I haue done the wyll of God, I maye receaue the promise. Wherfore all thinges layde away that presse me downe, (especially sinne, that hangeth so fast vppon me:) cause me, O God, to runne with patience in the race that is set before mée, loking vnto Iesus the beginner and fynisher of my fayth: Which for the ioy that was set before him, endured the Crosse, despised the shame, and set him selfe downe on the ryght hande of the throne of God, where he maketh intercession for me: to whome, with thée O father, and the holy Ghost be prayse nowe and euer. Amen.

A Prayer.

O Lord God and heauenly Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaack, the God of Iacob, which dyddest promise vnto Abraham, that thou wouldest be the God of his séede for euer. Which hast promised also to subdue Moab and Esau: that is to saye, all Heathen Miscreauntes, and Idolatrous Papists, to thy chosen Israell, and to gather vnder one shepheardé, thy seruaunt

Dauid

Dauid Christe our Sauiour, all thy scattred shéepe, bothe of the Iewes and Gentiles. That there might be one shepheard and one folde . Mercifully beholde thy flocke amongst them, bothe dispersed and scattered: erring, wandring, and going astraye with peruerse mindes and erronious opinions, farre from thy folde, not knowing as yet, nor regarding the voice of thy Sonne the onely good Shepheard, which dyd giue his soule for his shéepe.

And drawe them we beseech thée home agayne to the folde of thy Sonne Iesus Christe, without whome there is no saluation, no comfort, no health, no hope, no stay of conscience, but myserable wandering from error to error, & in the end vtter desperation: haue mercie therfore of thy miserable stray shéepe, for theyr shepheards sake, & for the glory of thine owne name, for the amplifying & enlarging the kingdome of thy sonne Christ, who is declared already in the flesh by his manifest miracles, iustified in spirit, seene of ỳ Angels, preached amõg the people, beléeued vpon in the world, & receyued in glory, & shortly shal come in ỳ same glory to make his enimies his footestoole. So be it.

Godly priuate prayers,

A thankſgiuing when a Woman is delyuered.

O Eternall and almighty God: thy power and might is to be prayſed & magnified for euer. For in the greateſt weaknes of man, thy power is ſeene: in his greateſt daungers, thy ſaluation is knowne: therfore we praiſe thy name, & giue thée thankes for all thy great mercies & wonderfull workes. Namely, Lord we giue thée thankes for thy mercie ſhewed to our ſiſter at this time, in bringing her through many and great daungers of Childbyrth, & in giuing her the fruite of her body. It was thy hand, O Lord, that hath done it, for it is a worke, greater thē all the wiſedome & power of man. Deare Father, we beſeech thée euer hereafter, to delyuer the Mother and the Childe out of all theyr daungers, as may beſt make for thy glory, and theyr ſaluation, in Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Touching vs, we thank thée, for bleſſing our worke, beſeéching thée, that we beholding thy out ſtretched arme, & ritch mercies, may be drawne by them, to ſerue thée in feare and reuerēce, all the dayes of our life. Amen.

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A Prayer to be confyrmed in the true knowledge of Gods word, for the reading, hearing, and ſtudying of the ſame.

O Moſt mightie and eternall God, although thy goodneſſe, mercie, and trueth to mankinde, in all thy worꝛkes dooth aboundauntlie appeare: yet hærein chæflie thou declareſt thy ſelfe to be moſt fauourable, mercifull, and gratious, that not ſuffering vs to walke in darkneſſe, ignoꝛaunce, and blindneſſe, thou haſt giuen vs thy moſt holy & bleſſed woꝛde, to be a lanterne vnto our fæte, to lyghtē our ſteps in the path way to euerlaſting lyfe, leaſt we ſhould walke in the ſhadowe of death, in which thy moſt bleſſed and ſacred woꝛd, thou haſt fully & perfectly ſet fooꝛth vnto mākinde, ſo much of thy glooꝛious Maieſtie, as was expedient foꝛ vs to know, & not only that, but haſt therin alſo fully, wholly and perfectly expꝛeſſed thy moſt holy & bleſſed wil, whatſoeuer is neceſſarie foꝛ the Saluation of mankinde to be knowne, to bꝛing him to lyfe euerlaſting. Giue me grace moſt mercifull Father, that foꝛ ſo hye a trea-

sure left among vs, I may be thankfull, reuerentlie embrace, accept and estéeme of the same, as the most precious Iewell in earth, be therin cõfyrmed most stronglye, that all thinges therein contained to be most certaine and vndoubtedlie true, not by any mortall man, but by thy most holy Spyrite in man, penned and written to the comforte and behoue of man: that I may most humblie, lowlie, and with most hie reuerence, submit my selfe therevnto, as becommeth thy eternall Maiestie, and the worde procéeding out of thy most blessed mouth: that I maye reuerentlie with humblenesse and obedience, reade, heare, and occupy my selfe in the same, to the comfort of my soule, and encrease of thy glorie. Lyghten my vnderstanding, most déere Father with thy holy spirite, that I may learne, clearelie conceyue, and vnderstand the thinges therein conteyned, which no mortal man can conceyue, saue those who haue learned of thée, and whome thou by thy holie Spirite doost lyghten and instruct: guide mée déere Father with thy holy Spirite, that hauing the true vnderstãding of the Misteries therein contayned, I maye be fully

fully established, and confirmed in the true knowledge of thée my déere Father, and of thy beloued sonne Christ Jesu: my Lord and Sauiour, throughly in conscience perswaded ý I haue my full and perfect saluation and life euerlasting in him, and through his attonement made thorough his death & passion: that I doo not vainely abuse the knowledge of thy most sacred worde, to satisfie vaine curiositie or braggs of knowledge, but onely to the releeuing of my hungrie & wounded conscience, to the lowsing of my fettered soule, and the appeasing of my sorrowful heart, that I may to the ende of my lyfe walke in sinceritie before thée, my heauenly father, in the comforts of thy déere sonne my Sauiour, vpholden styll by the mercifull power of the holy Ghost, to thine euerlasting praise and glory world without end. Amen.

An other before the reading, hearing or studying of Gods worde.

ALmighty & most merciful Father, which hast in thy blessed word reuealed thy most holy will,

wyll, whatsoeuer was expedient for vs to know cõcerning thy Maiestie and our saluation, giue me grace good Lord, that I may haue a hartie desire, and a willing minde, diligentlie, and with my whole endeuour to reade, heare, and study thy holy Scriptures with humble obedience, submitting my iudgement to thy holy & infinite wisdome therein contayned, and that I maye fruitfully trauaile therein: graunt me heauenly Father thy holy spirite, to lyghten mine vnderstanding, and to touch my heart, that I may throughly vnderstand the mysteries therein conteined to the comfort of my soule, so that my whole lyfe & conuersatiõ may be thereafter dyrected, to the honor and glory of thy name, and the peace of my conscience, through Christe our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer to be confirmed in the knowledge of God.

O Moste mightie, and eternall God, thou by the creation of the world, the Sunne, the Mone, and Starres, the Earth, the Sea, and all that therein

therein is, hast sufficiently declared thy selfe to be the euerlasting and almightie God, for that these things do far passe the reache of mans wisdome. And not herein onely hast thou declared thy selfe to bee God: but in that also that thou dost continually guide, and gouerne all things of thee created: It is thou therfore that thündereſt from Heauē, that with lightnings and tempests, and of waters and winds, shewest thy terrible vengeance vpon sinfull flesche: It is thou O God, which letteſt vs feele sensiblie in our selues, thy mightie power and working, not onelie in that, that thou hast made our bodyes and soules: but especiallie, that thou makeſt vs euen of force to confesse thy eternall spirite in vs, who so mightilie fyghteth against the assaultes of the enemie, that of force wee are driuen to acknowledge that it is thy working in vs, and not wee our selues. Seeing therfore, O most mercifull Father, that wee haue bothe in thy creatures, and also in our selues so manifeſt testimonies, that thou onely arte the eternall and euer lyuing GOD, which raigneſt in all thy Creatures, guiding them by thy heauenlie pro-

prouidence: graunt we beſeeche thée, that our hearts may be hereof fullie aſſured, to acknowledge thée not onely to be God eternall, who haſt created all things: but alſo that wee maye in heart be fullie perſwaded, that thou O Lord God, dooſt gouerne all things according to thy moſt bleſſed wyll, ſo that nothing can be done in the worlde without thine appoyntment, and that thou haſt ſuch a ſinguler care ouer thine elected people, ſo that not ſo much as an hayre of theyr head ſhall fall without thy prouidence, that thou ſo guideſt all theyr dooings, that all thinges ſhall turne to theyr commoditie and thy glorie. Graunt O Lord God that hereof we maye be fullie aſſured in our hearts and ſoules, that wee maye in all our dooinges ſet thée before our eyes, acknowledging thée to be our onelie Lorde and Father, and by the working of thy holie ſpyrit in vs, maye be confirmed in faith, comforted in ſoule, and lyghtned in vnderſtanding, that alwayes héere vppon earth, we may glorifie thy holy name, & after the diſſolution of this body, we may attain to the euerlaſting ioy through our Lord and Sauiour Chriſt Jeſu. Amen.

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A Prayer for patience in trybulation, and that God may be glorified thereby.

O Eternall and moſte mercyfull Father, who haſt from tyme to time, in all ages exercised euen thy moſt déere childzen with gréeuous afflictions, and ſharpe cozrections, to dzawe their mindes from the too much lowe of wozldlie pleaſures, to be delyghted in heauenly ioyes, and ſpirituall comfoztes of the ſoule: graunt I beſéech thée, that I, euen from my heart, may acknowledge this afflictiõ which doth now gréeuouſly pearce my ſoule, to be thy fatherly cozrection, and ſcourge of thy méere mercie, and lowe layde vpon me, to put me in minde of my duetie towardes thée, leaſt elſe, with too much quietneſſe, I ſhould haue bene dzawne thzough the flattering pleaſures of this vaine wozlde, from the remembzaunce and delyght of my ſpirituall ioy in heauenly things, to haue had my ſinfull delyght in this vaine wozld, and ſo ſhould haue runne headlong to euerlaſting dampnation with the wicked wozld:

worlde: but that thou O Father, hast called me backe by this thy fatherly rod, whereby thou mindest to let me see, that of my selfe I haue no strength vnto goodnesse: but that it was thou, who by thy aboundaunt mercie, haddest before time replenished my hart with ioye, that I toke great pleasure and comfort in reading and hearing thy holy worde, and receauing other thy benefits: which spirituall comfort and quietnesse of minde, because I did not fully acknowledge to be thy good gifte in me, thou hast nowe taken from me, for a time: that I maye effectuallie perceaue and learne (by the lack of it) that it was thy worke in me, and when thou restorest the same to me againe, I may more aboundauntlye glorifie thee in thy manifolde mercies. But while it shall be thy good will and pleasure, O Lorde, to exercise me with this thy louing correction: giue me grace that I maye patiently abide, whatsoeuer it shall please thee to laye vpon me for my amendement, strengthē me O Lord, that I doo not faint vnder the burthen of affliction: but being vpholden by the strength of thy holy spirit in me, I may

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neuer ceasse calling vpon thy name, with full assurance that thou wylt at thy tyme appoynted send mée full assurannce, to my singuler comforte, and thy eternall glorie. And when it shall pleasse thée O Lord, fully to delyuer mee, I beséech thée so worke in my heart, that I maye acknowledge the same to come from thée, to be thy onely worke, that I maye be thankfull for thy so great mercies all the dayes of my lyfe, that I neuer forget thy louing and fatherly dealinges towardes mee, but so to the ende of my lyfe I maye lyue in thy feare and loone: that thy holie name in my lyfe may be glorified, and after death, I may be receaued to that full ioye, which thou hast prepared for thine elect chyldren, through our onely Lord and Sauiour Jesu Christe. Amen.

¶ A Prayer, to feele in heart spirituall comfortes and Faith.

O Lorde God, and most mercifull Father, now I fully perceaue and know, that the heart of man is not in his owne hande, for thou hast taught me

me, by deminishing thy spirite of comfort in my heart, ẏ it is thou only which makest ioyfull the heart of man, and which demynishest the same ioye according to thy good pleasure and wyll, for if it had bene in mine owne power to haue receyued comfort in thy word, or to haue beléeued thy promises from my hart: I would long since haue enioyed cõfort, and bene confirmed in faith: but I cã not O Lord, it is thy méere worke. I looke therfore, O déere Father, for thy blessed comforte and strength of Faith, which I beséeche thée O mercifull Father, sende into my heart to fill the same with spirituall ioy, that by the working of thy holy spirite in me, the comfortable promises of thy mercifull protection maye be sealed in my heart, and sinke déepe into my soule, that I may be fully assured that thou arte my strong rocke and house of defence, that thou doost kéepe me as the apple of thine eye, as thou hast promised in thy blessed worde, that thou wilt not lay more vpon mée, then thou wilt giue mee strength to abyde, & that thou wilt assuredly at thine appointed time renew my heart, and the whole powers of my minde, that I maye

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fullie glorifie thy holy name. But in the meane time, O Lord, alas, my heart is cleane voyde of spirituall ioye, yea, euen as harde as a stone; so that the louing promises of thy holie worde, although I knowe them to be true, yet they can not sinke into my harde and stony heart, vntyll such tyme as thou by encreasing of thy holy Spirite in mee, shalt molifie and make tender my harde heart, that it may be meete to receaue the sweete comfort of thy spirite. Thy holy spirite, O Lord, in mee, which is the assuraunce of my saluation, dooth continuallie send foorth vnspeakeable sighes and longinges, for thy full and ioyfull presence. I beseeche thee therefore, deere Father, for thy Sonne Christ Iesus sake, hearke vnto my prayers, and graunt my requestes, make tender my harde, and stony hart, by thy holie spirite; that I may from the bottome of my hart, acknowledge thee to be my most merciful God and Father, and all thinges in thy holie worde contayned, to be most certayne and true, reuerentlie embrace the same, and into my soule take comfort and ioye of the same: that I may, deere Father, euen vnto my liues ende walke

before thy face in sincerities of heart, béeing assured of my saluation through that one alone sufficient sacrifice for my sins, made by thy déere Sonne Christe Iesu, to whome with thée and the holie Ghost, be all honour and glorie, world without end. Amen.

¶ A Prayer after benefites obtained, to acknowledge them onely to come of God.

O Lord GOD, I féele in my selfe howe mercifullie thou hast dealt with me, gréeuouslie I was troubled, and nowe by thy goodnesse partlie released: howe dangerouslie I was assaulted, and nowe by thy mercie partly deliuered: this releése although I must nedes confesse by infallible argumentes to be thy onely worke in mée, yet such is the pride of my rebellious fleshe, that it wyll not suffise mée, to ascribe fully the same to proceede of thée, and thine onelie goodnesse, but séeketh out other fayned causes, according to the vaine deuises of my minde: therefore I beséeche thée most

moſt gratious Father, that thou wylt ſo frame my heart, that I may with whole heart and minde, and with al the powers of my ſoule, acknowledge this my comforte and ayde to be thy onely worke, wrought in mée by thy holy Spirite, and that I may be thankfull for the ſame all the dayes of my lyfe. O Lord thou haſt ſworne by thy holyneſſe, that thou wylt not giue thine honour to any other: ſéeing then déere Father, that thou haſt ſent mee this ſtrength, let mé be perſwaded fully in heart, déere Father, that it commeth from thee, that to thée I may render due honour, prayſe and thankſgiuing for the ſame, and the reſt of my life, that I may be aſſured in heart of thy mercifull defence in mine extreame daungers, as thou haſt many tymes wounderfully delyuered mée, that thou wylt according to thy promiſe ſo continew thy mercifull ayde, whereby thy name in mée may be glorified, my ſoule in mercie preſerued, and thy whole Church edified, nowe and for euer. Amen.

A Prayer for constaunt perseueraunce in prayer, when we are dull to prayer.

O Lord GOD most mercifull Father, according to thy cõmaundement in mine afflictions & necessities, I seeke to thée for succour by continuall prayer, & calling vpon thy name, I call vpon thée in the day time, and in the night season doo I powre out prayers vnto thée, and yet for all that I féele mée nothing released, but often times worse & worse: which maketh me often times, déere Father, almost to doubt of thy goodnesse, that thou doost reiect my prayers, and giuest no heede vnto them, whereby I doo almost thinke, that it is no boote for mee to praye, séeing I féele no release: but, O Lord, this is my weaknesse in me and the frailty of my flesh, which wil not willinglie be subdued vnto the Spirite: which my frailtie, I beséech thée O Lord, forgiue mée. For thou doost O Lord God, see my conflictes, and lookest vpon my continuall sighes and peticions: but thou

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dooſt deferre and prolong thine helpe the longer, and dooſt not at the firſt helpe me to this ende, that I maye throughlie myne owne weakneſſe, learne by lyttle and lyttle, to ſubdue my rebellious wyll, to thy good wyll, who knoweth better what is meete for mee then I my ſelfe. Therefore, O moſt deere Father, ſtrengthen mée by thy holy ſpirite, that I maye ſtyll perſeuere and continew in prayer; and with longing deſires patiently wait for thee O Lorde; béeing aſſured that although it appeare not, yet thou art alwayes preſent with mée, and heareſt my ſighes and complaintes, and wylt when thou ſeeſt thy time declare thy ſelfe manifeſtly in renewing my heart with ſpirituall ioye. Styrre vp, O Lorde, my dull and ſluggiſh nature, to call vpon thée continually, appointing thée neyther time nor the meanes of my deliueraunce, but leauing all to thy good will and pleaſure; I may in the mean tyme neuer ceaſe by continuall prayer, to call for thy merciful helpe, vntill ſuch time as it ſhall pleaſe thy goodneſſe to ſend me full deliuerance. I feele my ſelfe, O Lorde, often tymes verie vnwylling to praye, for that I doo

not fullye perceaue my prayers to bee hearde, but do goe on styll languishing in my sorrowes, as though thou haddest no care of mée. But this my dulnesse I beseeche thée, O mercifull Father, pardon in mée, and graunt that I may be raysed vppe to praye for ayde and reléefe of thée continuallie, although I should see no signe of fauour, yet that I may continue styll with the faithfull Woman of Canaan, and neuer cease in heart, minde, and mouth, tyll thou graunt my requestes at thine appoynted tyme, when thou knowest it shall be most for my behoue, and for thy glorie. And that when thou shalt mercifullie loke vppon mee, to delyuer mée, I may then fully with my whole heart, acknowledge thy goodnes towards mée, and let it neuer slippe out of my heart, but continew thankefull for the same all the dayes of my life, whereby thy glory in mée may be declared, and my soule reléeued, through Christe my Lord and Sauiour. Amen.

¶ A thanksgiuing when one hath receaued some comfort, but not fully deliuered.

O Most louing and mercifull Father, nowe I fele thy swete mercies and louing kindnesse shewed vpon mee poore wretch, whome thou hast out of grieuous assaultes delyuered from painefull sorrowe, to ioyfull comfortes restored. Nowe I knowe, O Lord, that my many and sundrie prayers, that I made to thee, in the anguishe and bytternesse of soule, were not voyde, although for a tyme thou semedst to reiect them: nowe I knowe that although thou seemest to be angrie, yet thy fatherlie affection styll remained surely fixed vpon thy children, so that nothing can remoue thy loue from thy deere children, but whom thou louest, thou louest vnto the ende, euen when thou doost scourge and correct them most sharplie: thou woundest & healest againe, thou throwest downe to hel, & raisest vp againe. For whereas my heart was so dull, that no Spirituall comfort could enter therein, now I feele O Lord God, that thou hast begunne so to frame

it a newe, that I beginne to make more comfort and ioye in thee, and thy holie word: now I feele my heart partly lightened by thy only worke from that great darknesse wherwith thou haddest smitten mee downe, for the which thy mercifull worke in me, I thanke thee O Lord God, beseeching thee most deare Father, for thy Sonne Christe Iesus sake, as thou hast begunne to settle my heart in quietnesse, & partly wrought in the same some comfort and ioye: so thou wilt in mercie encrease the same in mee more and more, that I maye from day to day, acknowledge thy benefites towardes me, and for the same yelde due honour and prayse vnto thy holy name: that I may through this thy worke in mee, be confirmed of thy goodnesse towardes mee, that as thou hast begunne in me a good worke, so thou wilt fulfill the same, vntyll the comming of our Sauiour Iesus Christe, and when he shall fullie deliuer his Children, and bring them to that full and perfect ioy, for euer to raigne with thee, world without ende. Amen.

A thanksgiuing after delyuerance from affliction.

THy mercie, O Lord my GOD, endureth for euer, and thy louing kindnesse towardes thy Children, is not able to be vttered, the trueth of thy promises neuer faileth thine elect. O how wonderfull is thy working deare Father amongste thy Children: the sorrowes of death toke hold vpon me, and the snares of hell, almost entangled mée: the daungerous waues of distrust had euen ouerwhelmed my Soule: I was as one entangled in a nette, and fast caught, not knowing how to be loosed. Thou haddest, O Lord God, so terrified my soule and minde, that I became vtterly astonied, and in extreame feare, throwne downe prostrate to the ground: my heart fayled within mée, and all the powers of my minde were discomfited: the cogitation of my minde dyd so fight within me, that I was wholy disquieted in soule and conscience: I could not cõsider, O Lord God, of thée my Sauiour right, nor take holde of thy mercifull and louing promises, I could

could not be perſwaded of thée my déere Father and GOD, nor of thy fatherly loue towards thy Children, ſcarce could I finde within my ſelfe any lyttle ſparke of Faith, to confirme mée in the knowledge of thy good wyll towardes mée, reuealed in thy bleſſed worde. For thou good Lorde hadſt for a tyme withdrawne from mée thine hande, wherewith thou haddeſt before tyme ſtayed and vpholden mée from falling, that I myght more clearelie ſée mine owne weakneſſe, and more effectuallie conſider thy power towardes mée. In this diſtreſſe good Lord, and anguiſhe of minde, I cryed vnto thée my good Lorde and God, daye and night with continuall complaintes and ſighes, tyll at length thou in mercie haddeſt reſpect vnto me, and conſidereſt my requeſt, and ſent mee ſome releaſe, whereas I might take a taſte of thy mercifull dealing with thy Children, and thereby be ſtrengthened more and more, and confirmed of thy good wyll towardes mée.

And nowe deare Father, I faile thy louing mercies towardes mée abundantlie, who haſt delyuered mée from my daungerous feare, and ſet my troubled

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minde at quietnesse, thou hast made caulme the troubled waues of wauering thoughtes, whiche ouerwhelmed my soule, and hast brought mee to the quiet Hauen of thy mercifull protection and defence, and hast deliuered my eyes from teares, and my feete from falling, and my heart from distrust. O Lord God, my most louing and mercifull Father, let this thy grace, mercie, and louing kindnesse shewed vppon mee, neuer depart out of my heart, but that I maye be thereof continuallie mindfull all the dayes of my lyfe. And for these thyne vnspeakeable mercies towardes mee: graunt mee good Lorde, that I maye haue a thankefull heart to render due honour, prayse, and thanksgiuing vnto thy Maiestie, acknowledging from the bottome of my heart, thy woonderfull workes in mee: and that hauing felt so effectuallie thy present helpe in my necessitie, I maye be more strengthened to put my full trust and confidence in thee, in my more grieuous and daungerous assaultes, although I see no way of deliueraunce, seeking still for the lyke

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helpe which I haue before tyme tryed of thy goodnesse: knowing that thou hast taken me into thy protection and keeping. And that I may hereof be more assured, I beseeche thee good Lorde, that as thou hast begun to deliuer me, so let me feele more, and daylie thy good will and tender mercie towardes me. Encrease in me true vnderstanding of thy heauenly will in thy blessed woorde. Strengthen my faith in thy louing promises, that I may be assured of thy protection, and mine election and saluation. Make me daylie more and more to loue my deare Father and God vnfaynedly, for all the goodnesse shewed vnto me, to haue my full delight and ioye in thee, to walke before thee in sinceritie of lyfe and godly conuersation, that I may here in earth glorifie thy holy name, and after this lyfe with thy faithfull flocke, possesse that euerlasting enheritaunce, which thy Sonne hath purchased, Christe Iesu our Lorde, to whome with thee and the holy Ghoste, be all honour and glorie, nowe and for euer.

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A thanksgiuing for the woorde of God embraced, and a Prayer for encrease and continuaunce in the same.

O Eternall GOD, and most mercifull Father, I yeelde vnto thee most heartie thankes, for all thy benefites bestowed vpon mee, especially for that it hath pleased thy heauenly goodnesse to shine into my heart, through the lyght of thine holy spirite, in the Mysteries of thy holie woorde, and that thou hast framed my heart and minde to take such vnspeakeable ioye, and comfort in thy most blessed and holie woorde, and in the embracing of my saluation therein offered vnto me. For this thine vnspeakable mercies I beseech thee O Lord make mee thankfull, that I maye acknowledge the great benefite thereof, and esteeme of so inestimable a treasure, aboue all earthlie possessions or treasures. And O Lord my God, for so much as I wander in this present lyfe, among many and infinite daun-

daungers, whereby I am euery moment in peryll of fyding backe, and falling from this feruent zeale of thy euerlasting truethe, which thou hast kindeled in my brast: if otherwise thou do not staye mee by thy mercifull hande: and for so moch as I learne out of thy moste blessed and holie woorde, that it is not sufficient to haue begunne well, vnlesse I continew to the ende, not sufficient to holde my hande to the plowe, and looke backe: I craue at thy hand in the name of thy beloued Sonne, my Lorde and Sauiour Christe, that this thy worke with which thou hast begunne in mee, thou wylt in mercie encrease in mee more and more, and continew it euen vnto the ende of my lyfe: that I do not ware colde, secure, dull, or faynt, but continually encreasing in true zeale, I maye styll more and more be delyghted with reading, hearing and meditating of thy holy woorde: I may thereby also dayly encrease in true knowledge of thy blessed wyll, from fayth to fayth, that I may euen from the bottome of my heart, so sincerely profesle thy true Religion, that all hypocrisie, vaine glorie,

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and fayned holinesse, vtterly through thy holie Spirite rooted out of my heart, I may onely holde my selfe contented, that I may haue the eyes of thy Maiestie beholding my inwarde heart and minde, whereby I onely studying to be allowed before thy Maiestie, maye vtterlie reiect all the vaine prayse of men, which might puffe vp, or the scoffing Jestes, Tauntes, or reproches of the vngodlie, which might else driue mee downe.

To this ende, O Lorde my G O D, that I maye encrease, and daylie more and more bee confyrmed in thy mercies begunne in mee: I beseeche thee styre vppe true and sincere Preachers, and Messengers, who daylie may styre vp my minde and heart, otherwise of nature dull, to the ioyfull embracing of the glad tydinges of peace. Leaue me neuer destitute, O Lord my G O D, of the meanes which thou hast appoynted for the encrease to a liuely fayth, and true zeale, which meane is onely the Ministerie of thy blessed and holy word: but make mee alwayes carefull for the seeking of it: and so prouide, O Lorde my God, that I may alwayes haue it com-

comfortablie receaue it, and sweetely digest it. Keepe mée by thy holy Spirit, O Lord, that I neuer be seduced by erronious doctrine, but that only I may giue eare vnto thy voyce, that cleauing onely vnto thee: I maye in this present lyfe, which thou hast giuen mée, so occupy my selfe, and vse this good time which thou hast giuen mée, that I may still looke for the comming of thy déere Sonne, to receaue mée into the euerlasting rest, prepared for all the elect and chosen, where I shall for euer remaine together with my Lord and sauiour Jesu Christ, to whome with thee and the holy Ghoste, be all honour and glorie world without ende. Amen.

A Prayer for the feeling of the sinne of hypocrisie, that we may direct our lyfe according to the prescript rule of the woord.

O Lord God and heauenly Father, which arte a iuste Iudge to punish all them, that do continue to offende thee, as thou arte a Father most pitti-

pittifull to receaue to mercie all those, which giue ouer them selues to please thee: shewe me thy grace and fauour, so that I maye be truely touched with inward displeasure of my sinnes, and that in the place of flattering my selfe, to sleepe in sinne: I maye be so caste downe in heart, that the rather I may truely with mouth confesse, most humbly to giue thee, the honour, glorie, and prayse, due vnto thy holy name, & that as thou of thy great mercy dost instruct therevnto by thy holy word (so for thy names sake) make that the same may so lyghten & cleare our conscience, that in due examination of our lyfe, wee maye truelie learne to be angrie and displeased, with all our former and corrupt lyuing. O that it may please thee to drawe neere vnto vs, in addressing and guiding our footsteppes, in the true and perfect way of obediēce, to thy holy lawes and cōmaundementes. Send thy holy Angell to pitch his tents roūd about vs, that Sathan, and his infernall armie neuer preuayle against vs. but that alwaies with strōg faith, we may

through Jesus Christe withstande all his craftie engine & snares, knowing vndoubtedly that thou neuer forsakest thē that put their trust in thée. O let vs not be lead by the infirmitie of our outwarde flesshe, but strengthen vs by the vertue of thy holy spirit. Suffer vs not to lye vnder thy heauy wrath, & vengeaunce through hypocrisie, but rather touch vs so inwardly, ỳ we may without ceasing sigh and grone vnto thée, by true & vnfayned repentaunce. And although we be not alwayes so well disposed to aske & pray, as we ought to do: yet (good Lord for thy glorious names sake) stretch out thy mighty hand, that by the gratious woorking of thy holie spirite, our mindes and hearts may be drawne from all earthlie and corruptible thinges, so that our prayers may procéede of an inwarde, earnest, vehement affection, so that we neuer presume to come before thée with a double heart, knowing that whosoeuer asketh and prayeth for any thing of thée (not asking in fayth) can not obtayne. Increase therefore, swéete Lorde our

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faythe, that we presently may likewise feele the benefite of remission & pardon of all our sinnes, through the merties and death of Christ Jesus our saviour: and so worke in vs, euer hereafter to liue in thy feare, and to stand in awe of thy displeasure, that we may euer continue to our mercifull Father, world without ende. Amen.

Oh shepheard of sheepe, seeke out me thy wãdering sheepe, And being found, lay me vpon thy blessed shoulders, and bring me home to the perie fouldo of thy flock; heale my sicke soule, feede my hungerie soule, yea, almost dying through hunger, watch ouer the same (Oh sweete Lorde) least the ratening woulfe do inuade my soule, and so slay it to vtter destruction. Wherefore (O most deare God) be mercifull to me a most wretched sinner, and graunt pardon to him that repenteth, giue not forth the voyce of thy sentence accordding to my demerites, but lyke as thy mercie before hath done in the begynning of my lyfe, so let it conclude the ende thereof, to remaine with thee

worlde without end. Amen déere God, Amen.

For as much as in this life, holy scripture doth promise, troubles, penuries, oppressions, encrease of grefe, & aboundance of temptations, vouchsafe, O most mighty God, to prepare my heart to all possible patience, least I do faint in the foote pathe: compell (my sweete Lorde) this rebellious flesche of mine, to be subiect to thy holy spirite, beyond all expectation, so that I maye possesse my Soule in patience, and kéepe the same in thy euerlasting seruice, to the which purpose thou hast created the same. Wherfore, O Lord, shew thy almightie power vnto mee most wretched sinner, that so long as I lyght in this wretched life, I may obtaine victorie against my enimies (thou béeing my defence) for that there is none other that fighteth for me, but onlie thou Oh God. Now I say, repelle the violẽce of my enimies, and vouchsafe with great effecte to bring into bondage my miserable flesche, that tormẽteth my soule. So that I obtayning victorie

victory, may prayse thee my only delyuerer in perpetuall eternitie. Amen.

A Prayer to be sayd in trouble.

O Most gentle redeemer, which art alwayes mercifull, alwayes a Sauiour, whether thou sedest vs prosperity or aduersity: this is a token of great mercie and looning kindnesse, while by exteruall afflictions, as by bitter plaistuers or salues, thou dost heale the inwrrde man, & by temporall paines, prepare vs to euerlasting ioies. Forasmuch therfore as thou hast euen by thine owne Steppes, declared that that is the waye vnto true felicitie: graunt I most humblie beseeche thee, that I may patientlie and obedientlie drinke out this cuppe most wyllinglie, which thou hast so mercifully reached vnto mee. Verely, these thinges are vnto frayle Nature, verie greeuous, but yet hast thou suffered more greeuous thinges for mee, and I haue deserued farre more greeuous thinges, which haue so often deserued hel. Not-

withstanding, thou knowest the frailtie of Mans condition, and therefore euen as that mercifull Samaritan, thou powrest into my woundes, wine, that is to say, affliction and troubles, which fretteth, & sharply byteth out abhominable vices: but in the meane time thou puttest to it also ẏ precious Oyle, that is, of Grace, into this our wounded & troubled heart, through the which Grace, if thou doo giue according to my wants: then shall I with great quietnesse suffer these intollerable greefes. But if it be thy pleasure to encrease my griefe, giue me then I most instantly beseech thee the gift of patience, & graunt that these afflictions (which thou hast of fatherlie loue sent unto me) may by thy grace turne to the assurance, that I am thy Chylde. Or if thy fatherlie pittie be contented with this gentle chastisement, wherewith thou doost nowe nurture mee (from lying stinking in my corruptions) then let mee (by thy free grace and mercie) receaue at thy mercifull hande, ease and quietnesse againe, that I maye by thy

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grace giue thée thankes for bothe: that is, because thou hast most louinglie in mercie chastned me, thine vnprofitable seruaunt, & also take away the bytternesse of my affliction, with ỳ swéetnesse of thy comfort, which is thy frée grace, ỳ Oyle of all cõsolatiõ, which I beseech thée powre into my heart, that I maye sensiblie féele the aboundant ritches of thy goodnes powred vpon me vndeserued, & most vnworthy wretch, that I may be the more strengthened thereby and in the greatest conflicts may hope against hope, that whatsoeuer my outward senses do imagine, yet ỳ inward feéling of thy mercie may superabound to the encrease of my more then weake faith, but speciallie for thy honour and glories sake: so that finallie I may say with Saint Paule, that neyther death nor lyfe, nor anguish, nor persecution, nor thinges present, nor to come, may remoue mee from thy loone in Jesus Christe: In whose name I pray, as he hath taught. Our father which art in heauen, &c.

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Godly priuate prayers,

A forme of Prayer, daylie to be vsed of all faithfull Christians, in their houses, or elsewhere.

ALmighty GOD and most mercifull Father, through Jesus Christe our Lord, in whome and by whome we trust that thou art our God & Father, we most humblie heere prostrate our selues before ỹ throne of thy Maiestie, beseeching thee first good Father & God, to pardon and forgiue vs al our sinnes which we confesse and acknowledge against our selues, beseeching thy gratious Spirite to worke in vs the knowledge of them daylie more & more: that thereby we maye come to true repentaunce for them and together therewith: vnto the knowledge of ỹ height, breadth, depth, & fulnesse, in all sorts of thy grace and mercie, wherby through Jesus Christ thou hast forgotten them and remooued them as farre from vs, as the East is from the West. And although we knowe by them, too wella las, good Lord, that we haue (as much

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as in vs day and lyeth) laboured to pro-
voke thine anger against vs, heaping
sinne vpon sinne, & multiplying offen-
ces and transgressions against thy high
grace and Maiestie, breaking thy holy
woorde and commaundementes, yet
thou, O Lord, hast not bene as a man,
nor thy affections, as the affections of
the sonnes of men, but hast continued
gratious and mercifull, and bountifull
vnto vs, in pardoning our sinnes and
daylie renewing in vs with the morn-
ning, thy graces diuers and mani-
fold. Therefore we beseech thée most
mercifull Father, to giue vs thy holy
spirite, that we prouoke thee no more,
that thou ryse not against vs, to de-
stroy vs as we haue deserued: for we
haue bene and are drye as stubble, and
yet thou hast not dispersed and consu-
med vs: we haue bene vnfruitfull and
thou hast not cut vs downe: yea Lord,
we haue brought forth wylde & lowre
fruite, corrupt and detestable, and yet
thou lettest thy raine to fall, and Sunne
to shine vpon vs.

Make vs therefore we beseeche thee,

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sorie as it becommeth thy children, for that wee haue disobeyed thee so mercifull and louing a Father, and frame vs daylie, and fashion vs to the lykenesse of thy well beloued Sonne Iesus Christe our Lord: that in knowledge and true holinesse, we may glorifie thee before the world, and by the fruites of godlynesse and righteousnesse, be assured and made certaine of thy spirit, and of the loue wherewith thou louest vs. Make vs thankfull, deare Father, for the infinite and vnspeakable benefites of our Election to lyfe and euerlasting glorie before all time, and for our creation and redemption, and sanctificatiō, in tyme to bring thy glorious councell to passe.

Worke in vs certaine faith, and assured hope in thy promises, ỹ true feare of thy Maiestie, a perfect hate and detestation of all disordered and synfull affections. Worke in vs eternall loue of thy truth and gospell, sincere affection and loue towards thy children, & amongst our selues patience, knowledge, vertue, loue, compassion, with

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all graces of thy kingdome, that in all our behauiour, thou O God mayst be glorified by vs. Also we beseeche thee most mercifull Father, for the benefites of this lyfe. That as thou art not onely the God of our Spirites and Soules, but also of our bodies: so it would please thee, notwithstanding our sinnes, to graunt vs thy blessinges of health, peace and mayntenaunce, of which by the gratious prouidence, some of vs do seele thy want, and some of vs haue for long tyme enioyed and vsed the same, that together with them we may haue thy spirite to instruct vs as well in the wantes, as in the true and lawfull vse of them: that wee may more earnestlie & seriouslie study and labour in these vocations, wherein thou hast set vs, through thy great mercie, to the promoting and encreasing of thy kingdome, to the benefite and comfort of thy chyldren. And we pray not onelie for our selues, but beseeche thee to make vs earnest and feruent in prayer vnto thy Maiestie, euen for others also, yea, for all men: that

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as thou art the creatour of all, so thou wouldest mercifully regard them, and continew thy gratious goodnesse and mercie, in administring and ordering the world, so that by no tyrannts nor wicked men, that order which thou hast established be ouerthrowne, but that spring and harvest, the rayne and fruitfull tymes, and the ioy which thou shewest and giuest by them, may prouoke all men continually to feare and loone thée, yea, to seeke thée & finde thee: That not in those outward blessings alone, but much more in thy spirite, they whome thou hast thereunto ordayned, may reioyce in thy fatherlie goodnesse by Jesus Christ. And that to this ende, it may please thee to powre out thy graces vppon men, that they may be instructed and framed meete instrumentes for the calling of all such as thou hast appoynted to be of thy Church. That these builders may be cunning and expert. That these gardiners may be wise to plant and water, with iudgement and discretion. That these Stewardes of thy misteries

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maye so behaue them selues in thy Church: that they knowing howe and wherewith to sæde thy house, the glorie and beautie thereof may appeare in the eyes of all the worlde, which thou hast before so long promised, and which to sée, the eyes dazell and faynt with looking for. And although we know well, O Lorde, and the cause of all myserable dysorders, deformities and breaches now a dayes, is in our selues which shutte vp thine hande, and as it were binde thy armes from reachinge them out vnto vs, for our saluatiõ and comfort, yet let the Lord aryse and bee mercifull vnto Sion, and haue pittie on the ruines thereof. For the tyme is come, our owne Countrey and people are before our eyes continually, whose sinne and disorder, whose ignorannce & slubbernesse, whose negligence & contempt of thy word thou hast now long tyme punished, withdrawing thy hand from dooing them good. For by thy iust iudgement nowe many yéeres thou hast plagued them, and vs with vyle, prophane, vnlearned and vnskyl-

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full Pastors: guiders thou hast giuen them but to theyr ruine: Feeders, feed of them selues, not of thy flocke. Teachers and Doctors, who haue mouthes but speake not, eyes but se not, neyther thy iudgements vpon thy people, nor how to goe in nor out before theme: and that which is most fearefull, thy good hand is not with those Prophets which are amongste them, who doo sowe in deede, but the earth giueth not her encrease. They water, but thy plantes ryse not in any number. They feede, but thy flocke is poore, not fatte nor beautifull. Oh let the Lord forget the sinnes of his people. Why hath he bound them vpon his hand to looke vpon them for euer? Why hath he set them daye and night in the sight of his countenaunce? we confesse & acknowledge against our selues, O Lorde, all our sinnes, we iudge and condempne our selues, yea, we testifie against our selues, that we haue deserued that euē those sparkes of thy fire and heauenlie lyght which are amongst vs, should be quenched and put out, that the smoke

of thy glorie which is yet styll in thy Church amongst vs, should rise vp and vanish away from amongst vs, as the dew of the morning, that ỹ same building which as yet standeth, were to be throwne downe, that the Lord should mount vpon his chariot, and flée from vs. But shall the Lord deale with his people by waight and measure? shall he vse iudgement and not mercy? shall our father forget his childrẽ, although we prouoke him? shall not the sighes and grones of them that bewayle Sion, come before him and enter into his eares? O Lord let the iudgement and seueritie which we haue deserued, be stayed: let charyots and horses be vnlooſed, let the armies of the Lord be dyscharged, and let the Lorde vngyrde him selfe, and forget his councell, and turne and be gratious and mercifull vnto them that knowledge and cõfesse theyr sinnes. Let the Angelles that be the destroyers, goe from before thy face, to ouerthrowe and cast downe all that standeth to hinder thy glorie, and to mayntaine sinne and ignorance,

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pride and vanitie. That thy good Angels may followe to meate out and describe all thinges that pertayne to the buylding of thy temple. Let them laye to the square and plummet, and let all thy people stande and showte and sing glory, at the laying of this foundation: let thy spirit guide all those good Lord, that in feare and reuerence before thée walke in theyr vocation. In the vniuersities and in all parts of ỹ Realme, yea, of the earth, looking and laboring for this worke, and encrease the lyttle number, as the thousands of Ephraim, and the ten thousandes of Manasses, and those that laugh at, and hinder, and drawe backe this worke, let them be ashamed and confounded, and al thy marueilous blessings be shewed in the successe thereof. But let them haue no force nor strength to hynder it: so shall Iacob reioyce in thy mercie, and Israel in thy euerlasting trueth. So shall our eyes sée thy glorie, O Lorde, and we sing perpetuallie to thy prayse. So shall Iesus Christe delyght in the beautie of his Churche, and his people

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so god Lord our God, for all our bre-
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are in thy Church in peace and safetie,
may prosper & goe forwarde, and stand
in thy trueth for euer, that thy godnes
may be assured vnto them, that thou
wouldest keepe that place, and mayn-
taine their cause against all that la-
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O Lord, better then we can declare:
It may please thee to breake the rod of
theyr oppressours; to quenche the fyr
of theyr aduersities, and to lyghten, or
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An addition in the Morning.

thee to giue vs all such graces, as thee may employe it wholie in thy seruice. And for the doing hereof, gaue Father, reforme our vnderstanding, keeps the watche of our tongues, and the dooe of our lippes in such sort, that vs it bynd be vttered by, or through ẏ fauce. Mule & gouerne our hearts that they thinke not, our hands that they touch not, our feete that they goe not vo, our eyes ẏ they see not, our eares that they heare not any thing, but that which is to thy glorie. That thereby we may be confirmed in thy infinite & fatherlie looue towards vs, & walke cheerfully in our vocations, and wayting for that full redemption, and that crowne of glorie which remayneth for all such as holde this course to the ende. These thinges we craue, & all other which thou knowest needefull for vs, and thy whole Church, for thy deare Sonne Jesus Christe his sake, as he hath taught vs, saying. O our father. &c.

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LAst of all, we beseech thee most mercifull & loning Father, that as this daye thou hast gratiouslie ouymistered strength

strength vnto vs, to walke in our vocations, and blessed our studies and labours: so we may be thankfull therefore, and haue alwayes thy good hande with vs, to bring to fruite and effecte, those councels which we follow for thy glorie. And we pray thee to keepe vs this night in thy tuition and sauegard, that we may rest in thy protection: And receaue that comforte and strengthe of this blessing which thou hast graunted to our weake nature, through Iesus Christe our Lorde and onely Sauiour, In whose name we praye as he hath taught vs saying. Our father, &c.

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